



# TIDINGS

“To walk with Christ and neighbor, healing brokenness together.”

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## Readings

- June 4**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
Genesis 1:26-27  
John 1:1-5  
John 3:7-8  
Romans 8:26-27
- June 11**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18**  
**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:23
- June 25**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

## Fundraising for OSLC Youth

This Month’s Opportunity:  
**June 11, 2023**  
2nd Sunday of each month  
From 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
at BOTH Don & Millie’s locations  
When you order, tell the cashier  
you are there for Our Saviour’s  
Lutheran Church Youth and 20%  
of what you spend on food &  
drinks will go to our OSLC Youth.



## “A First for Me”

I was at the State Capitol on Friday, May 19, as legislation about affirming healthcare for transgender youth and abortion before 12 weeks gestation was considered and discussed. I joined, at first dozens, but eventually hundreds of voices that cried out to be heard. This was a first for me. I’ve never engaged in a protest before. Well, that’s not exactly true. When I attended the Festival of Homiletics in Washington, D.C. in 2018, a mass of preachers and area saints gathered at the National Cathedral to silently walk to the White House. In silence, we protested the legislation and rhetoric that came from those within.

But this month was different. I was surrounded by people who cried out—not because they were faithful Christians but because they were people standing firm in faith in themselves. They believed in themselves and who they are, sometimes because of but often in spite of what they had been told about God. Many didn’t have Scripture or prayers as talismans for hope. Many had been turned away, sent away, expelled, exiled from communities of faith.

That is why I was there. I didn’t really think my presence or our chanting would change any minds. What I did think is that my presence my help shift what the folx there considered God-talk. Some asked if I was wearing a costume in order to make a statement. “No,” I said. “I’m a real pastor from a real congregation who really welcomes you and your friends.” Some people shared that they hadn’t darkened a church doorway in years. “I understand, and I’m sorry. We Christians have done awful things to many people. We want to be better” What else could I say?

A few wanted to know which congregation I serve and where we are located. I loved answering that question! Perhaps they will come check us out someday. Maybe they’ll tell a friend. Mostly, they know that there is a place for them, should they ever need or want us.

That’s why I went. That’s why I went in my collar and my colorful woven stole. That’s why I held a banner. That’s why I chanted along with most of what the crowd said. Because I believe in the treasure that is the LGBTQ+ community. I believe in the treasure that is a woman’s body and the immense responsibility she has over that body. I believe that the Bible teaches us less about morality than it does justice, and that justice never allows anyone to tell another who they are or what their purpose is.

We are so much more than our bodies. We are minds. We are spirits. We are souls. We are expressions. We are communication. We are extensions of a very broad and immense God whose primary goal has always been LOVE.

Now, if you paid any attention to the protest or the aftermath, you probably also saw my husband. He was one of the uniformed officers arresting someone who made an unhelpful choice. *It wasn’t me.* But the whole ordeal really created an interesting situation for us as we talked about the events that evening. While our beliefs on certain issues don’t quite line up, we both appreciate the importance of caring for each other, speaking up for those who are being bullied, and continuing to work so that all may know the life-giving power of God’s love.

~Pastor Tobi White

## Brought to you by OSLC Faith-to-Face Recovery Ministry

A Vision for OSLC: Imagine members of your congregation being equally comfortable publicly asking for prayer “for my father with alcohol dependence” as “for my mother with cancer.”



For more info on how you can be involved contact your Faith Partners Team : 402-483-4126 or Otto at 402-770-1974.

Call or Text.  
You are not  
alone.



**NEEDS...** We know the Lutheran Food Pantry is a blessing to hungry families in our community and we are thankful for your donations and prayers in making it successful.

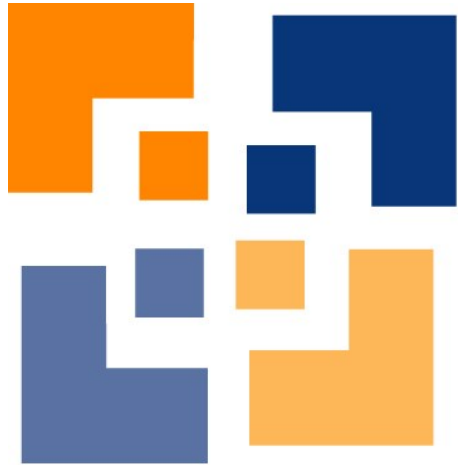
ITEMS DONATED:					Please help support this needed ministry!
Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	
176	103	194	39		

### Items that are especially needed at this time are:

- \*\*Breakfast bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, oatmeal/fruit bars)
- \*\*Canned chicken
- \*\*Dry dinners (Hamburger Helper)
- \*\*Fruit juice, small boxes/packages/bottles
- \*\*Ramen noodles
- \*\*Snack items (small packages of cookies, nuts, fruit flavored snacks, etc.)
- \*\*Spaghetti sauce
- \*\*Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- Canned vegetables (\*\*especially mixed vegetables, peas, corn, green beans)
- Fruits, canned (pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges)
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Fruit juice, large bottles
- Jam and jelly
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Pasta, dry (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, etc.)
- Peanut butter
- Pork and beans
- Potatoes, boxed instant mashed
- Rice, one or two pound packages
- Saltine crackers
- Soups, condensed (vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom)
- Tomatoes, canned

### Other items we always need include:

- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, pineapple)
- Canned meals (ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.)
- Canned variety beans (chili, kidney, pinto)
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)



Worship with MOSAIC communities across the country on  
June 11, 2023 at 2:00p.m.

Join Pastor John Gosswein from the Mosaic Community in Axtel, NE as he leads worship from the Sanctuary at OSLC. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Rejoicing Spirits worship service utilized by Mosaic. We have been pondering the possibility of beginning such a worship experience at OSLC, and the opportunity couldn't be more perfect! The service will be zoomed, gathering communities from Beatrice, Axtel, Rockford, Ill., and even Delaware. While we are not allowed to zoom into the services (HIPAA rules), we can participate on-site. I hope to see you Sunday, June 11, at 2:00pm!

Vacation Bible  
School

Operation Restoration:  
Mending God's World



- ♦ June 26th-June 30th
- ♦ 8:30am-Breakfast for students & volunteers
- ♦ VBS: 9:00am-12:00pm
- ♦ NOTE LOCATION: First Lutheran Church 70th & A Streets
- ♦ Register: 402-483-4126; discipleship.oslc@gmail.com or osllincoln.org

Early Registration Drawings

Student drawings for an "Operation Restoration" water bottle will be each Sunday during Service beginning this Sunday, May 28th. Volunteer Registration Drawing for a \$30 gift card will be during Service on June 25th

Register as PARTICIPANT or VOLUNTEER at: [www.osllincoln.org](http://www.osllincoln.org)

Sharing Our Talents



Altar Flower sign-up is near the front doors (cost is \$30).  
FEAST Meals: Contact Lindsey at [foodministry.oslc@gmail.com](mailto:foodministry.oslc@gmail.com)

Date	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Altar Flowers	Rich & Imogene Matejka—55th Wedding Anniversary			
Altar Guild	Rita Harrison, Lindsey Engel, Cindy & Rachel Humann, Denise Pohlmann			
FEAST Meal Provider	Lindsey	United Lutheran	Lindsey	Grace Lutheran
Meals on Wheels	Marti & Lisa	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Coffee/Treats				

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Yesterday's Youth

Save the Date!!!  
Thursday, June 1st  
12:00p.m.  
Community Room



Potluck luncheon followed by:  
Sam & his Jazz Friends entertaining  
us with their jazz music!

Everyone is welcome to join us for  
this fun time!

OSLC Leadership  
Mission Statement

"Called and compelled by our hope in Jesus Christ, we empower our community to care, learn, teach, lead, and serve."

OSLC Food Philosophy

Food is a gift of God's grace that brings us together for the growth and nourishment of body, soul, and community.





## In our church family prayers, we remember:

*Because we, the Body of Christ, carry each other through trials, struggles, and celebrations...*

**Those Ill:** Mary Jo Vitamvas, Jill Thompson, Jackie Landers, Paul Bueide, Victoria Heaton, Louise Alfrey, Laura & Neil, Kirby Mejia, Cathy Matz, Bruce Cudly, Dennis Tegtmeier, Dwaine Rogge, Frank Hood, Randy C., Pam Baker, Charlie, LaDonna Halstead

**Homebound:** Jan Albers, Betty Alm, Cooper Dennis, Sandee Fruhling, Eloise Landgren, Norm Leach, Naomi Maske, Jenifer Nelson, Marlin Pals, Dorothy Wise, Shari Zinnecker

**First Responders & Military Personnel:** Coty Surrounded, Jonah Lux, Tolle Yoder, Noah Yoder, Matthew Salomons

**Partners in Mission:** Lincoln Area Mission Cluster Congregations, Kiman-garo Parish in Tanzania

**Justice & Peace:** Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls; Teachers & Students preparing for the end of the school year; LGBTQ Community

**Grieving:** Lyle & Janet Schmidt and family at the death of his aunt, Verneal Dodge; Kent & Theresa Reinhard and family at the death of his brother Eric; Don Witt & family at the death of his brother, Gary Witt; Sandy Anderson and family at the death of her husband, Ivan

**High School Graduates:** Tyler Farmer, Alysa Flink, Tiegann Gunning, Kylie Hansen, Jacob Harms, Peter Rus



1—Zachery Ditson  
3—Zac Cords, Tahlulah Mason  
4—Gavin King, Naomi Maske, Laura Tegtmeier  
5—Roger Weber  
7—Isaac Zohner  
8—Rita Harrison  
9—Barbara Brewer  
11—Kaye Christensen, LaVina Leber  
13—Kathy Andrews, Pam Brunke  
14—Liz Calaway, Jeff Eitzmann  
15—Ryan Eitzmann, Matthew McLaughlin  
19—Louise Alfrey, Don Witt  
21—Rex Walton  
22—Lisa Silberman  
24—Terrence Leick  
27—Allison Kuta  
28—Jeremy McCartney, Keith Saathoff, Fred Snider, Kevin Vech  
30—Annika Novotny



1—Imogene & Rich Matejka, Joel & Lorie Scherling  
5—Ivan & Sandra Anderson, Rex & Joy Walton  
6—Dave & June Baumgartner  
9—Mark & Tobi White  
12—Gary & Wanda Hein  
14—Jonathan & Patti Jensen  
15—Jeff & Robyn Bool  
17—William & Melissa Rehm  
20—Chris & Sara Hansen, Roger & Sondra Weber  
23—Brandon & Jill King  
28—Judd Chatelain & Amy Fries, Jeremy & Leslie Hinkle

## Announcements...

### Discipleship

*Because we know we learn and grow best in faith when we do it together. And we value that growth in children and adults of every age...*

**Tuesday Bible Study** We are studying the book of Revelation Tuesdays at 1:00p.m.. This is a hybrid group—in person AND zoom. Anyone is welcome to participate. Please contact Karrie with questions or for the zoom link: discipleship.oslc@gmail.com or 402-483-4126.

**Yesterday's Youth** June 1 at noon. Bring a dish to share for lunch and then stay to enjoy Sam's jazz combo.

### EDUCATION HOUR (Sundays, 10:15a.m.)

**June 4—**TeamMates presentation by Trent Baker

**June 11+—** "The Chosen," Season 3

### Events & Notices

*Because we believe in relationships, opportunities to bless one another, and grow together...*

**Online Cookbook** We're looking for your favorite recipes! We will collect them to make an online recipe book. Please email Lindsey at foodministry.oslc@gmail.com or put hard copies in her mailbox.

**Position Open: Nursery/Caregiver** This is a part-time contracted position. Hours include Sunday mornings from 8:30am-11:30am. Additional hours may be available Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent and possibly during special events or programs. Contact Karrie Lickliter if interested in applying for the position. Discipleship.oslc@gmail.com

**The Chosen** We'll watch The Chosen season 3 this summer during Education Hour. We'll do a review of the season finale of season 2 on May 28. **Season 1-2 DVD Set** is available to check out by contacting Karrie @ discipleship.oslc@gmail.com

### Emmaus Life-Long Learning Opportunities:

Register at <https://nebraskasynod.org/faith-in-action/emmaus/>

- **"Water From a Deep Well" Book Study** Online discussion about the history of Christian spirituality led by Pastor Kristen Van Stee, Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, & 13; Cost is \$20 plus purchase of book
- **"We Belong to the Land" Book Study** Online discussion about the life of a Palestinian Israeli, Mondays, 7:30-8:45; June 12, 19, & 26; Cost is \$25 plus purchase of book
- **"The Everyday Advocate" Book Study** led by Rev. Liz Kocher & Deacon Coco Lyons at the Lutheran Center on UNL Campus, Wednesdays, 11am - 1pm, lunch included, June 15, July 12, OR August 9; Cost is purchase of book
- **"Drawing into Prayer: A Zentangle Study"** online direction by Diane Harpster, Tuesdays, 7-9pm, July 18 & 25, August 1; Cost is \$25 plus supplies
- **"Language for God: A Lutheran Perspective"** Online with Bishop Scott Johnson, Tuesdays, 7-9pm July 25, August 1 & 8; Cost is \$20 plus cost of the book

*Because we know that it takes a whole community to make a difference in the world...*

**Equal Exchange Booth** We will have Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate available for sale on the first Sunday of every month before/after worship.

**Lutheran Center Fundraiser** Attention golfers and all campus ministry fans! Friday June 9th will be our 2nd annual NeLCM Golf Scramble at Holmes Golf Course in Lincoln. 9 a.m. start. Golf, food, friends and fun!!! This is the link to all the details and to register your team: [Nelcm.com/nelcm-golf-scramble-2023/](https://www.nelcm.com/nelcm-golf-scramble-2023/)

**POP Tabs—OSLC** is no longer collecting pop tabs for cash. If you are collecting pop tabs and would like a place to donate them, Craft Axe Throwing will take them. They are located at 1821 N St. (402) 802-9696 (they are open from noon to 7pm on Sundays). Thank you!



On May 4th, 1,105 people participated in our first Nehemiah Action Assembly. After months of research, discussion, and prayer, we proposed the following issues to elected officials.

- To County Commissioner Christa Yoakum and City Council members Sandra Washington and James Michael Bowers, we proposed a navigation system that would create a 'front door' to mental healthcare, providing assistance in finding the right resources for those who fall through the cracks of crisis care and follow-up care. They each committed to bringing this proposal to their respective committees. WIN!
- To County Commissioner Rick Vest, we proposed an increased access and admission to the current diversion programs in order to alleviate jail population and create opportunities for non-violent offenders to make better choices. This included an increase to Community Correction budget of \$500,000 to add staff and \$100,000 to eliminate fees for such programs, as well as a real-time, online dashboard for the community to monitor access and use of the diversion programs. He could not commit to this proposal...yet. But we will continue working with him.

What's next? We continue monitoring the progress that has begun, we focus on securing financial investments for our ministry, and we start the process over this next fall. We'll hold listening sessions, choose issues to work on, do the research, and hold another Nehemiah Assembly next spring. Check out [www.justice-in-action.org](http://www.justice-in-action.org) for more info.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A) <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b> 10:15a.m. Education Hour/Sunday School (CR/BAC) 11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH) 7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH) 8:00p.m. Catechism/Middle School Lock-in drop-off	May 29 8:00a.m. Lock-in pick-up <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	May 30 1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC) 3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S) 7:00p.m. Wild Bunch AA Group (FH)	May 31 5:30p.m. Bells Rehearsal (S)	June 1 7:00a.m. Men’s Study (FC) 9:00a.m. Set Free Rehearsal (S) 12:00p.m. Yesterday’s Youth (CR) 7:00p.m. Inclusivity Team (zoom)	2 <b>Synod Assembly in Kearney</b>	3 <b>Synod Assembly in Kearney</b> 8am-noon Domesti-pups Training 10:00a.m. Layettes of Love (FH)
4 8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A) <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b> 10:15a.m. Education Hour (FC) 11:30p.m. FEAST Lunch (FH) 7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	5 7:00p.m. Ray of Hope	6 1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC) 3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S) 7:00p.m. Wild Bunch AA Group (FH) 7:00p.m. Mary/Martha (FC)	7 9:30a.m. Esther Circle (FC) 11:30a.m. Wonder Seekers (CR)	8 7:00a.m. Men’s Study Group (FC) 10:00a.m. Staff Meeting (FC) 7:00p.m. Council Meeting (FC)	9	10
11 <b>Don &amp; Millie’s Day</b> 8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A) <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b> 10:15a.m. Education Hour (FC) 11:30p.m. FEAST Lunch (FH) 7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	12 9:00a.m. RAN Meeting (CR)	13 9:30a.m. Martha Circle (FC) 1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC) 3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S) 6:00p.m. Faith-to-Face Recovery Team (zoom) 7:00p.m. Wild Bunch AA (FH) 7:00p.m. Holy Hygge (FC)	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 9:30a.m. Esther Circle (FC) 11:30a.m. Wonder Seekers (CR)	15 7:00a.m. Men’s Study Group (FC) 12:00p.m. Clergy Prayer Group (BAC) 6:30p.m. Justice in Action Celebration @ Horizons UMC	16	17
18 <b>Father’s Day</b> 8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A) <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b> 10:15a.m. Education Hour (FC) 11:30p.m. FEAST Lunch (FH) 7:00p.m. The Body study group (FC) 7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	19 <b>Juneteenth</b> 7:00p.m. Ray of Hope (FC)	20 <b>Tiding’s Deadline</b> 1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC) 3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S) 7:00p.m. Wild Bunch AA Group (FH) 7:00p.m. Mary/Martha (FC)	21 9:00a.m. Chat & Tie (FH) 3:00-5:00p.m. MHA (BAC)	22 7:00a.m. Men’s Study Group (FC) 10:00a.m. Staff Meeting (FC) 5:30p.m. Justice in Action Board Meeting (South Gate UMC) 7:00p.m. Women of Grace Bible Study (FC)	23	24
25 8:30a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (A) <b>9:00a.m. Worship (S)—live-stream</b> 10:15a.m. Education Hour (FC) 11:30a.m. FEAST Lunch (FH) 7:30p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	26 <b>8:30-noon VBS @ First Lutheran</b>	27 <b>8:30-noon VBS @ First Lutheran</b> 1:00p.m. Bible Study (FC) 3:30p.m. Jubilee Rehearsal (S) 7:00p.m. Wild Bunch AA Group (FH) 7:00p.m. Holy Hygge (FC)	28 <b>8:30-noon VBS @ First Lutheran</b> 9:00a.m. Chat & Tie (FH) 11:30a.m. Wonder Seekers (CR)	29 <b>8:30-noon VBS @ First Lutheran</b> 7:00a.m. Men’s Study	30 <b>8:30-noon VBS @ First Lutheran</b>	July 1 10:00a.m. Layettes of Love (FH)