

Grapes from the Vine

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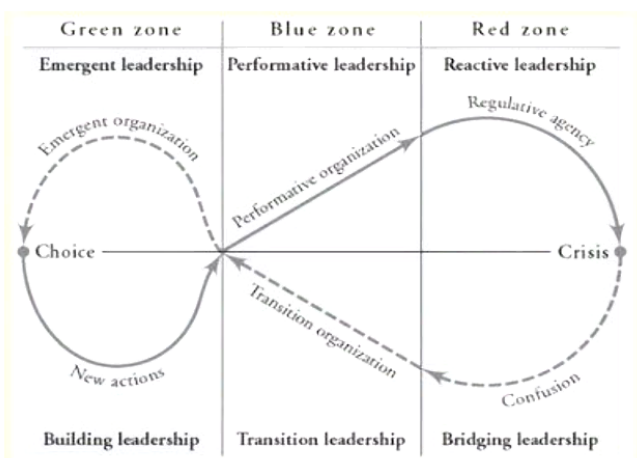
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From Pr. Liz

The end of July marked four years since I joined OSLC as your pastor. In that time we've done a lot together! Worshiping and praising God, sharing faith with our young people, bible studies, our 150th anniversary party, making music, and so much more.

One of the things that happens in the life of a congregation is a cycle of change. This doesn't mean that everything changes overnight, but that all congregations are constantly moving through this cycle. It's a good idea to assess and revitalize a congregation's ministry ever 3-5 years.



Starting in September, the Church Council will be seeking your input about where our congregation stands in the cycle and how God is calling us share our gifts and talents while seeking to follow Jesus Christ in love and service to our neighbors.

July Church Council

The church council met on July 13th to discuss:

- Mid-term officer elections: Thanks to Deb Gehrke for stepping in as president.
- Sprucing up the property: an electric sign, new water fountain, additional speakers in sanctuary, parking lot resurfacing
- Post Pandemic Congregational Vitality
- God's Work, Our Hand's Sunday

Access full meeting minutes here:

[Full Minutes](#)

July Financial Report

- The general fund received \$9,854.70 in July, versus last year of \$8,628.92, giving us a difference of (\$1,225.78).
- Year to Date: The general fund received \$67,585.33 versus last year of \$63,110.57, giving us a difference of \$4,474.76.

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News and Updates

**We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit
so all may know God's love.**

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Join us on September 12th for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!

We will have outdoor worship (weather permitting) and yummy treats for coffee hour hosted by the OSLC Church Council.

The church council is working on our congregation's vitality. This includes worship, faith formation, outreach, volunteering, finances, and more. On 9/12 we will be asking for your help by filling out a survey and joining in conversation after worship. Make sure to be a part of this important work for the future of our Our Savior's!

God Squad

God Squad 2021-2022 begins on Wednesday, September 12th with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL from 6 - 7 pm! The whole congregation is invited, with special focus on kids who will be in God Squad and confirmation this year. Come meet the volunteers and teachers, play games, and share some sweet sundaes!

We will follow the same set up as last year with two rotating groups from 6-7pm. Groups 1: PreK-2nd Grade and 6th Grade. Group 2: 3rd-5th Grade and 7th-8th Grade. 9th grade Confirmation orientation will be on Sunday September 19th after worship.

If you are interested in helping with God Squad this year, we still need teachers and assistants for our two groups.

We're Hiring

The church council has decided to combine the positions of Office Assistant and Youth Coordinator. The new position is 20-25 hours per week. Computer proficiency, word processing, and receptionist skills are required. Youth ministry/education experience desired. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, contact Pr. Liz.

September Birthdays

1st Brian Eppmeyer, Dorothy Hanson, Mark Zimmerman
3rd Steve Biehn
4th Lonna Wing, Mariah Ziegler
6th Elijah Johnson, Liz Rossing
7th Derek Rossow
8th Matt Landsteiner, Sam Voit, Pam Zimmerman
10th Don McCabe, Tyler Schafer
12th Luke Mueller
13th Grayce Kortum, Brock Olson, Tiffany Stocker
14th Greg Mettler, Rhylee Stocker, Ryan Stocker
15th Tayler Garrison
16th Mitchell Johnstone
17th Julie Plafcan
18th Robert Petrich, Brandon Crosby
20th Michele Kluntz
21st Simon Kortuem, Adam Wendelschafer
24th Linda Zuhlsdorf
25th Amanda Smith
26th Bray Lassiter, Donna Rausch
28th Tom Johnson, Charlie Meyer
29th Maria Ferguson, Matthew Miller, Alexander Reed
30th Terry Bateman, Leonard Seitz

September Anniversaries

3rd Jeff & Jody Block, Kirk & Tracy Garrison
4th Tony & Brenda Smith
6th Mike & Shelly Miller
9th Terry & Sandy Bateman, Greg & Michelle Mettler
10th Doug & Tammy Ellickson, John & Kaitlyn Powers
11th Dean & Mary Koppelman
14th Bob & Deb Gehrke
15th Dan & Randilee Dauk
16th Myron & Leanne Wolf
22nd Darrin & Corrinne Ely
23rd Derek & Brandi Rossow
25th Bruce & Rhonda Johnson, Tim & Betsy Koppelman
26th Charlie & Donna Meyer
27th John & Valerie Weber
28th Dennis & Anne Hiller, Phillip & Sherry Johnstone
29th Michael & Andrea Iten
30th Brady & Stacy Hahn

Prayer List

Members: Karen Johnson, Bradley Riba, Michaela Biehn.

Non-Members: Robyn Erbes, Jaci Kopet, Natalie Boelter, Chantha Eckman, and Holly Kallestad.

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

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