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A Servant Calling:

Deaconess Saron Woldehaimanot

Saron Woldehaimanot will be the first candidate to be certified as a deaconess through the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) distance learning program of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Saron has put in a lot of hours of study over the past few years, taking the online version of seminary courses with me as her mentor. During this time she has been serving as a volunteer deaconess intern at Our Savior. She teaches Sunday School and Sunday Morning Confirmation along with other Bible studies in Tigrinya while conducting visits and assisting in other ways. She works full-time at St. John Lutheran Preschool in Alexandria.

Following her certification on Oct. 20th in St. Louis, her status will change but her service among us will stay the same. Our call to her as a volunteer deaconess is our acknowledgement of the training she has received and an affirmation of the sense of calling God has given her. Let's celebrate how God has moved in Saron's heart, provided an opportunity for her to grow, and look forward to the opportunities her deaconess certification provides for her continued service!

Pastor Fredericksen



First Sunday Evening Adult Bible Class BEDROCK BELIEFS

The height of most buildings is determined by the bedrock beneath them. The firmer the footing, the higher they can go. Luther's Small Catechism shares six chief parts of doctrine drawn from the Scriptures that we consider to be the bedrock of our belief. Pastor Fredericksen will explore these bedrock beliefs each 1st Sunday alongside our OSSM Youth Bible study. This class is open to anyone. Our October focus will be The Ten Commandments.

Our evening will begin with a meal at 5pm and we will break into our study groups (Adult, Jr OSSM, and Sr. OSSM) at 6pm. The studies will conclude at 7pm.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Pastor

Pastor Wayne Fredericksen

Principal

Barbara Huehn

Learn
&
Grow

Former Communion Wine Returns!

Due to delivery difficulties, we had to change our brand of communion wine this summer. Never quite satisfied with the new wine, we are glad to tell you that the difficulties have been overcome! The communion wine we have used for many years is BACK!

Meet Our New Organist



Patrick J. Summers, Organist and Choir Director, brings forty+ years of professional music experience to OSL. He began lessons at the early age of eight and continued his musical education through college studying organ with Richard J. Heschke, now with Concordia College. An accomplished organist and choir director serving several denominations, Mr. Summers has held various positions in this area, including Organist/Choirmaster at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke, Chapel Organist for Headquarters Battalion of the U.S. Marine Corps in Arlington, and Music Director at the historic downtown First Congregational United Church of Christ where he oversaw restoration of the 41-rank Casavant Freres pipe organ.

Mr. Summers is an active member of several professional organizations, including the D.C. Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Association of Anglican Musicians. He has held various treasurer positions for both associations.

Patrick holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a concentration in Music and a Master of Science in Management from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He is Partner and President of Mark-Summers, P.L.L.C., an accounting firm specializing in accounting and bookkeeping services, audit preparation, audit, and tax preparation. His hobbies include bicycling, fine restaurants, and gaming; he is also a certified bartender.

We welcome Patrick to the Our Savior family!

OFFICIAL ACTS

Wedding ~ September 10, 2011
Kyle Sheldon & Corinne Thomas

Welcome to these new members and friends:

Erik Johnson
Ayalw Yiednekachw
Yodit Gebeyehu
Richard Huber
Anna Ewald
Evelyn Huber

November Newsletter Deadline

October 17th at 12pm

Newsletter Coordinator: Teresa Powell

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Our Savior Lutheran School News

Aim High

Something new for the books - we have never started a school year the week after an earthquake and the threat of a hurricane. Fortunately we were spared any significant damage and it gave everyone a lot to talk about - especially when Tropical Storm Lee arrived the second week of school. Through it all we are off to a good start as we *Aim High* through all kinds of adversities, focusing on Colossians 3:1-2 and asking God to help us keep our hearts and minds on things above! We have already had a visit from the Lion's Club Sight and Hearing Van thanks to Mr. Andy Johnson helping us with this contact. We have enjoyed a Back to School BBQ thanks to PTL and now look forward to Family Game Night on Friday October 7th beginning at 7:00pm - all are most welcome to attend. Also coming up the end of October is the Fall Carnival - scheduled for Friday evening on October 28th - we hope you will join us. Fall brings the joy of cooler days, pretty colors and a variety of activities to enjoy - check the website for a calendar of events.

School children will once again be selling magazine subscriptions as our fall PTL fundraiser from September 21st to October 5th. If you would like to place an order or renew a subscription please let us know and we would be glad to place the order for you. The PTL has set a goal to raise \$13,000 this year to support our ongoing projects along with placing a Smart board in the remaining 5 classrooms. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Chapel offerings for the beginning of the school year have been designated to help 'Fill the Well'. At the end of the month we will be participating in the ASPAN Walk for the Homeless.

We still have openings in each of our classes this school year and we need your help in telling others about Our Savior Lutheran School. If you are able to help us distribute school brochures at your workplace or in the community please let us know - we will gladly provide you with a supply. We are always happy to give tours and share information about the school.

Please remember to sign up or renew you grocery cards with your favorite local grocery stores - let us know if you need some help with this. It is a great way to help out the school. Collecting Box Tops and purchasing from Market Day are also great ways to support the school. Go to www.marketday.com to learn more about the variety of delicious products offered. And one last way of showing your support is for all Thrivent Financial members to select your 'Choice dollars' to be sent to Our Savior Lutheran School. This money is just sitting there waiting for you to send it our way! Go to the Thrivent website to learn more about signing up - it's easy and there is no cost to you. Thank you to all for your support of the school financially and prayerfully - your encouragement means a great deal to us all.

God bless your fall time with pretty, colorful, cool days and many opportunities to *Aim High*!



SCHOOL FALL CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011
6 TO 8 PM

Carnival Games ~ Prizes ~ Food
And Lots Of Fun



ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

The Arlington CROP Hunger Walk

Saturday, October 15, at 8:30 am

Arlington Forest UM Church (4701 Arlington Blvd, 22203)

10K Walk / Run / Stroll through Arlington with rest stops at St. George's Episcopal, Trinity Episcopal and Arlington Forest UM. Join walkers from scores of other Arlington congregations. Strollers and friendly dogs on leashes are welcome. CROP Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Service. More than 1,200 CROP Hunger Walks are scheduled this fall throughout the United States.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match \$1 for every \$2 raised, up to \$600. Of every dollar donated, 25 cents goes directly to Arlington Food Assistance Center (www.afac.org) to provide groceries to 1,100 cash-strapped families. The rest is distributed nationally and world-wide to fight hunger.

Our Savior will be collecting donations through the end of October. Make checks payable to: Our Savior Lutheran Church, and include it with your regular Sunday offering. Be sure to note Special Offering: "Crop Walk" on your envelope and the amount you are giving. If you have no envelope, simply place a check in the collection plate, noting Crop Walk in the memo section of your check. If making a cash donation, use the offering envelopes available in the pew racks; be sure to note "Crop Walk" and include your name and address.

If you plan to join the Arlington CROP Hunger Walk on October 15th, please let Karen Harwood know. Either drop her an e-mail at karenharwood1223@gmail.com or say something to her at church on a Sunday. Also look for a CROP Hunger Walk sign-up list in the narthex on Sunday, October 2nd and October 9th.

**Perfect opportunity for families and friends of all ages to be active, healthy and socially conscious
– before NOON!**

OSLC Activities Fair!

Come find out all about the groups and activities at Our Savior Lutheran Church. You won't want to miss the Our Savior Lutheran Church Activities Fair on **Sunday, October 23rd**. Come to the Fellowship Hall after early or late service and meet representatives from our various boards and groups. The Board of Stewardship would like to challenge each of you to "try one" activity you have not tried before. You will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer to "try one" hour of service, or "try one" event with a particular board or group. We look forward to sharing information with you and helping you select from the many wonderful activities we have at Our Savior!

Try ONE

Stewardship Potluck: Sunday, October 23rd, ~12:15pm

Our annual Stewardship Potluck will take place the same day as the Activities Fair, so you can enjoy a delicious lunch while you browse our many booths of activities! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after late service to kick off our stewardship drive with our potluck meal. We are asking that each family bring a main dish plus a side dish or dessert to share.

Need more information? Contact Debbie McComb, 703-241-2228.

OSLS ALUMNI DINNER

OCTOBER 29TH

Special Request for Our Savior Lutheran School Alums

With the very first Our Savior Lutheran School reunion scheduled for October 29th, we would like to know your favorite memory of your days at OSLS. If you would like to share your most special memory, please send an email to claudiaoffutt@verizon.net and share your thoughts. Submissions need to be made no later than October 15th. Thanks!

Our Savior Lutheran School alumni: Please make sure to return your RSVP and payment no later than October 15th. Because the dinner is being catered, we must know if you are coming in advance. Thank you.

JR OSSM ~ QUAKE 2012 January 13-15, 2012

One pastor describes Quake as "one of the best Christian events of the year. Junior High Students' lives are changed, hearts are ignited and faith is deepened. Over and over our students return from the Quake filled with energy and joy having spent a fun filled weekend where they grew closer to Jesus and had a blast with other kids their age."

Quake is a wonderful weekend experience that OSLC OSSM Jr. Youth have participated in for over 10 years. The youth hear inspirational talks, wonderful bands and enjoy hanging out with a bunch of Christian kids. We hope you will join us.

The Details:

January 13-15, 2012

We leave at 3:30pm on Friday and return at 12pm on Sunday.

Early bird registration is \$200 and is due by October OSSM Time on October 16th - Scholarships are available.

(Late registration is \$225 on a space available basis) Registration includes: transportation, lodging, conference fees, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

To register complete a Quake 2012 Registration Form (available on line) and turn it in along with your \$200 to the church office no later than October 16th.

OSSM BIBLE STUDY & 1ST SUNDAY ADULT STUDY

Sunday, October 1st
5pm to 7pm
Dinner included

We will resume our monthly Bible study on a new day and time. We will gather every first Sunday from 5pm to 7pm for food, fellowship and study. There will be separate studies for Jr. Youth, Sr. Youth and the adults, so bring your parents. This year both youth studies will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. So bring your Bibles as we explore the Epic lives of the Apostles.

Parents we are seeking volunteers to help set up dinner for us. If you can help please contact Mrs. Powell at osloffice@comcast.net or 703-892-4846.

SR OSSM SCAVENGER HUNT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

6pm to 9pm

Wikipedia defines a **scavenger hunt** as "a game in which the organizers prepare a list defining specific items, using which the participants — individuals or teams — seek to gather all items on the list — usually without purchasing them — or perform tasks or take photographs of the items, as specified. The goal is usually to be the first to complete the list, although in a variation on the game players can also be challenged to complete the tasks on the list in the most creative manner."

Join us for our EPIC OSSM Scavenger Hunt. We will go out in teams in search of epic items. We will conclude our hunt with a build your own ice cream sundae dessert.

To participate all you need is: **#1 to RSVP** (youth who do not RSVP either by email or on the Facebook event will not be allowed to participate) and **#2 a signed year-long permission slip on file**. If you need a permission slip just download one from the OSSM webpage (www.osva.org/info/youth.html)

Parents if you can help as a driver please let us know. Youth or parents, if you have any questions email: Jill Bodling, Alyson Powers or Mrs. Powell.

OCTOBER OSSM TIME

"EPIC Thankfulness"
Sunday, October 16th
5pm to 7pm

Bring a friend and double the fun!

JR OSSM CORN MAZE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 1PM - 5:30PM

The Jr. OSSM will be heading to the Crumland Farms Corn Maze in Frederick, MD on October 22nd from 1:00PM to 5:30PM. The cost is \$8 per person. Wear old tennis shoes or boots 'cuz it may be mucky and muddy. Bring extra money and a change of shoes for a McDonald's stop on the way home. You must RSVP and turn in your \$8 **to Mrs. Powell NO LATER THAN October OSSM Time on Sunday, October 16th**. Parents please let us know if you are available to drive.

LWML FALL WORKSHOP OCTOBER 22ND

All Ladies are invited to attend the **LWML Fall Workshop** on October 22, 2011 - Our theme for the morning is "All Aboard the Orphan Grain Train" our theme verse is "I needed clothes and you clothed me..." Matthew 25:36a

The Workshop will be held at Our Savior 825 S. Taylor Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Join us for a wonderful morning as we learn more about Orphan Grain Train.

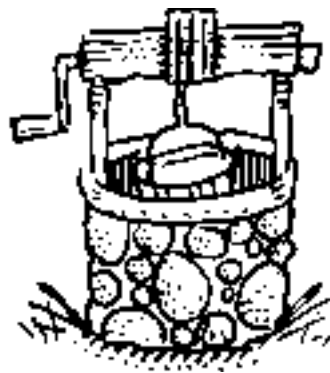
We will begin at 9:30 with our opening and welcome (registration starts at 9:00 a.m.- \$5.00 to cover cost of lunch). We will have a speaker from Orphan Grain Train, a Bible Study and a hands on servant activity making "pillow case" dresses for needy children (all supplies will be provided).

- ❖ Our In-Gathering will be monetary donations to help the Orphan Grain Train build the Maryland Branch Warehouse (please make checks payable to Lori Bodling)

All Aboard! RSVP to Lori Bodling at 703-892-4846 or lbodling@verizon.net by October 17th.

PRIMETIMERS OCTOBER 13TH AT NOON

Get out your favorite *oom-pah-pah* CDs for an Oktoberfest on Thursday, October 13 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Wear your lederhosen or dirndl if you have them; or your usual casual good-time outfit complete with a smile and good appetite. Please contact Marion Ott if you plan to attend and find out what you can bring (with a recipe if you need one). RSVP: marionott@aol.com or call 571-312-1273. **DANKE SCHOEN**



Sunday School News

HELP FILL THE WELL

Our Sunday School/Adult Bible Class offerings for the beginning of the year will go to the Lutheran World Relief project "Fill the Well".

Through "Fill the Well" we can help our global neighbors bring clean water closer to their communities. We can help them reduce water-related illnesses. We can help farmers improve their livelihoods and futures by collecting, conserving and controlling rainwater.

Water affects every aspect of life. LWR works with local partners and rural communities to solve water problems at the source.

"Fill the Well" campaign provides programs that:

- + Build wells and dig boreholes
- + Provides clean water during emergencies and disasters
- + Installs irrigation systems
- + Trains communities to properly manage their water supplies

Five hundred dollars provides a clean water system to a community. Our goal is to provide at least one water system. Help "Fill the Well" and make a life changing difference to neighbors and communities around the world. For more information go to :www.lwr.org/water

Sunday School Staff Update:

We are so thankful to have a full teaching staff for our Sunday School program. We are still seeking a volunteer to serve as Sunday School Superintendent. The Superintendent is responsible for gathering attendance and offerings, ordering materials when needed, and providing a connection for the teachers during Sunday School hour. If you are interested in learning more please contact Teresa Powell in the church office.



Noel Asta	2-Oct
Audrey Lipes	3-Oct
Tzghereda Shiberuim	3-Oct
Alem Tesfazigi	3-Oct
Carl Barrett	4-Oct
Candee Mohrmann	5-Oct
Maritza DiSciullo	7-Oct
Nathlin John	7-Oct
Saron Fitwi	8-Oct
Jeffrey Offutt	8-Oct
Roger Powell	8-Oct
Oliver Sherouse	8-Oct
Emily Hambridge	9-Oct
Ruth K. duPont Capone	10-Oct
Thomas Norin	11-Oct
Ronald Koontz	12-Oct
Ruth Araya	14-Oct
Ina Laemmerzahl	14-Oct
Troy Powell	14-Oct
Nahom Tecele	14-Oct
John Androff	15-Oct
Ghenet Sebhatu	15-Oct
Helen Kahsay	16-Oct
Saron Woldehaimanot	16-Oct
Amanda Lynch	20-Oct
Ruth Fekadu	21-Oct
Alice Haserodt	21-Oct
Mussie Esay	22-Oct
Krista Funk	23-Oct
Laura Hartman	23-Oct
Lexy Sinkavitch	23-Oct
Frieda Weyraugh	24-Oct
Mike Plue	28-Oct
Rahel Tecele	28-Oct
Lori Bodling	29-Oct
Austin Lathrop	29-Oct
Grace Lathrop	29-Oct
Matthew Rathgeber	31-Oct

Jeff Shapiro & Betty Jo Draheim	10/4/1975
Mike & Jill Bettenhausen	10/7/2000
James & Lori Bodling	10/9/1982
Frank & Gretchen Dimina	10/9/1999
Todd Sabatino & Carolyn Hickey	10/12/2008
Paul & Debbie McComb	10/16/1993
Richard & Mileva Hartman	10/17/1970
Tom & Kay Tiernan	10/17/1992
Ray & Elke Seefeldt	10/21/1966
Andrew & Kebra Krol	10/21/1995

THE HANDBELL CHOIR WILL RING ON!

The search for a new handbell choir director is underway. During the interim, we need to keep the handbell choir intact so that we will be ready to ring once a new director is hired. New ringers are also needed to fill current vacancies. Prior handbell experience is not necessary. Some ability to read music would be helpful, but also is not necessary. Ringing is a lot of fun and will enrich your life! Karen Harwood has agreed to be the coordinator during the interim. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, please let Karen know, either by saying something to her directly or by e-mail at karenharwood1223@gmail.com. Current handbell choir members are also asked to confirm with Karen that you will be continuing with the choir. Stay tuned for resumption of rehearsals to ring for the holidays!



If you have signed up for altar flowers here are a few reminders. The cost for flowers is \$40, please put your check in the offering plate. (ALTAR FLOWERS should be marked on the memo line.) If you have not signed up for flowers but would like to contribute to the Altar Flower Fund please feel free to do so.

Also, remember you are free to take your flowers home with you following the 11am service. If the flowers are not on the altar you can find them in the sacristy behind the altar. If you need assistance locating your flowers please ask an altar guild member to assist you.

A simple and convenient way to give...

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Our Savior's Church and School rely on your financial support and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis, if you are present or not, rain or shine. Please contact the Financial Secretary (Marion Ott) or the church office for details. Thank you and bless you!

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness is a magazine for lay people of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and is the official periodical of the LC-MS. If you would like to receive the Lutheran Witness during the coming year please fill in your name and full mailing address below, and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office

We need a new form to be completed even if you are currently receiving the Lutheran Witness.

Please place your form in the offering plate or mail to the Church office by **October 9, 2011.**

The Lutheran Witness is paid for by Our Savior Church. Each subscription costs \$12. If you are able to contribute toward this cost please place your check, made out to OSLC marked "LW Subscription" in the memo line.

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip Code: _____

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