

FOOTSTEPS

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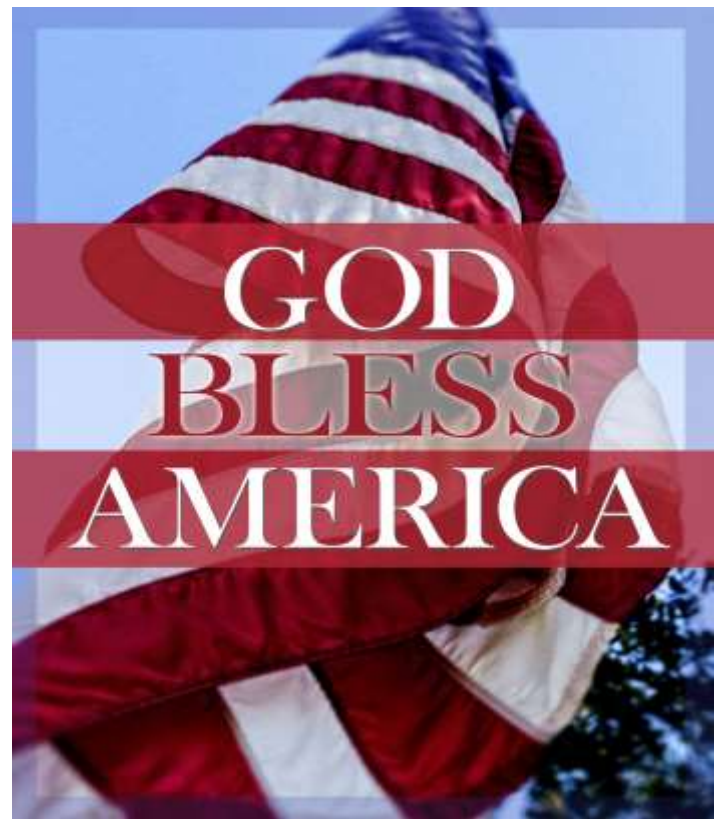
When I was a kid, I loved Fourth of July with all the special events and the fireworks. Today I am more enthralled with spending time with my children and grandchildren as the main event. As far as the fireworks go, I can take them or leave them.

What are your plans this Fourth of July? Will you be celebrating our independence as a nation? Along with this, I pray You will also celebrate your dependence on God. Listen to the words of Jesus, "Apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). We need Christ's aid just to keep the Law. Before we can keep the Law, our hearts must be born again (our independence from the old sinful nature) through faith. Without faith, human nature does not call upon the Lord, nor does it expect anything from Him. Instead, our human nature seeks and trusts in human help, independent of God.

As Christians, we celebrate every Sunday our dependence on Christ for everything: life, liberty, and happiness. "And He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life" (Gen. 2:7) is something we deeply and richly proclaim about the creation of man by God.

This Fourth of July as you celebrate freedom from the tyranny of another nation, may you also join your church family and celebrate the freedom we have from the tyranny of sin, death, and the power of the devil that Christ has won for us. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17). May the explosion of sins, death, and the devil's hold on us be the fireworks of your faith in Christ.

**Celebrating that I am totally dependent,
Pastor Dreier**



Submit items for August Footsteps by JULY 20th.

You may e-mail items to office@osltulsa.org or place them in the Secretary's box on her office door.

2021 Theme "One Life Changes It All"

July Sermons:

Series: One Life that Liberates

July 4 Set Free Lk. 8:26-39

July 11 Freedom from Unfulfilled Longings Mk. 6:30

July 18 Freedom from the Dark Kingdom Mt. 9:27-34

July 25 How to Face Rejection Mt. 13:54-58, Mk. 6:1-6



...**Gwen Woods**, recovering after hip surgery; **Mark Schneider**, recovering after atrial ablation; **Ray Brown**, recovering after atrial ablation; **Amy Trinklein**, shoulder injury and complications; **Janette Maddox** recovering from an infection; **Verna Saathoff**, recovering from

pneumonia; **Leta and Randy Hardin**, in serious condition after an auto accident, brother and sister-in-law of Steve Hardin; **Audrey Smith**, covid, cousin of Tim and Mark Schneider; **Cindy Fein**, health, sister of Jan Wilson; **Michelle Martin**, cancer treatments, niece of Suzette and Gerald Blankenship; **Heather Brooks and newborn son Jack** born 2 ½ months early in NICU, Heather is niece of Lynette Patterson; **Helen Blunt**, breast cancer treatments, friend of Sonja Schneider; **Suzette Wilson**, chemo, friend of Scott Dittmer; **Elliot Strutton**, 4, Leukemia, grandson of Rev. David Thompson, pastor of First Lutheran Chickasha; **Ed Taylor**, chemo, friend of Ray Brown family; **Leroy Martin**, diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer, grandfather of Alexa Martin; **Maury**, cancer, Greg Walsers' sister, **Diane**, cancer, sister of Rosemary Walsers; **Rosemary's mom**, recovering from stroke; **Virginia Terrill**, recovering after being hospitalized; **Harvey Johnson**, in nursing center; **Regena Schnackenberg**, in nursing center; **James** whose 4-year old granddaughter is battling cancer, a coworker of Josh Cazares; **Jim Bollinger**, continued improvement/strength, brother of Claudette Brown; Health concerns: **Mason Smith**, **Connie Barrett**, **Helen Anderson**, **Margie Harrell**, **Norine Blossom**;

Births:

...**Adelynn Pittman**, June 27, daughter of Jess and Josh Pittman;

Baptisms:

...**Samantha Bass**, June 26, girlfriend of Aaron Dittmer;

Deaths:

...**Marilyn Hauglund**, sister-in-law of Lynette Patterson; **Bill Chavanne**, father of Deana O'Hara;

Mission:

...**Christians facing persecution**;

...**God's Calling and Plan for OSL and Ablaze Church and Ablaze Christian Academy.**

Military:

...**Nathan Harris**, Army; **Robert Smith**, Navy; **Kris Anderson**, Air Nat'l Guard; **Chase Bradbury**, Army, **Jason Spielmann**, grandson of Helen Spielmann; **Jerrid Stottlemeyer**; **Marine Aaron Jackson.**



- 1 – Mike Kelliher
- 2 – Dave Beekman
- 3 – Gerald Blankenship, Janette Maddox
- 4 – Tori Egeler, Colin Jave
- 6 – Alexa Martin
- 7 – Theron Paschal
- 9 – Conrad McIntosh
- 10 – Gene Duenow
- 11 – Terri Floistad, Luther Paschal
- 12 – Natalie Helvey
- 13 – Garrett Blankenship, Brooklyn Murray
- 14 – Martin Cook, Kerry Hall, Lynda Hayes, Amber Lampkins, Alexis Tillery
- 15 – Kylie Thornburg
- 16 – Jillian Blankenship, Dave Korell
- 17 – Floris Hills, Robert Murray, Nicole Ratliff
- 18 – Belinda Kastelic, Haley Kearns, Cari Krenz, Susan Lindsey
- 19 – Jeremy Belford, Victor Brown
- 20 – Amber Pittman
- 21 – Cheryl Johnson, Tony Perry, Brayden Taylor
- 22 – Julie Shiever
- 23 – Jessie Cannoy, Bob Pettit
- 24 – Marv Duensing, Carey Ketelsen, Jeff Wilson
- 25 – David Kopp, Jill Korell, Emmet Terril
- 26 – Katie Alcorn, Michelle Coleman
- 27 – Paige Ketenbrink
- 28 – Helen Anderson, Emily Gore, Nate Krenz, Patrick McIntosh
- 30 – Xander Nichols
- 31 – Victoria McIntosh



We have Text Giving –

Text the word GIVE to 918-601-4646

You will be directed to enter your payment information – credit card or banking. The next time you give, it will be as easy as texting the word *Give* and the dollar amount.



Our next mite collection will be Sunday, July 4th!

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to bring mites!
And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins [mites], which make a penny (Mark 12:42).

Stamps for Missions

- Save cancelled stamps – collect from family and friends.
- Collect Stamp Collections if no longer wanted. Save international stamps.
- Buy commemorative stamps.
- Place stamps in upper right-hand corner with ¼ border around the stamp.
- Place the stamps in the purple LWML collection box in the south side of the Narthex.



July 2	Lana and Butch Ketenbrink (16 Years)
July 3	Belinda and Bruce Kastelic (22 Years)
July 4	Sarah and Jeff Dawes (18 Years)
July 7	Stacy and David Edwards (14 Years)
July 10	Michele and David Spurlock (27 Years)
July 15	Kaitlyn and Bryan Bush (4 Years)
July 16	Virginia and Mike Kelliher (50 Years)
July 20	Donna and Fred Schell (34 Years)
July 22	Alli and Garrett Blankenship (4 Years)
July 26	Christine and Bob Morgenthaler (35 Years)
July 27	Cynthia and Jeremiah Dreier (8 Years)



Young in Spirit Dominoes

Come and play chicken-foot dominoes Tuesdays, July 6th and 20th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall! All you have to do is be 55 or older and want to have fun. Bring a sack lunch if you want to stay afterwards for lunch.



Bible Study Opportunities

Second Friday Women's Bible Study

Bad Girls Bible Study will meet **(Friday, July 9th)** at the home of Belinda Kastelic at 6:30 PM. We will be using the study book, **30 Life Principles** by Charles Stanley. We will look at, Life Principle #11 –All women are invited to join us. **Call or text Joy 918-855-8282 with any questions. RSVP to Belinda at belspanish@outlook.com.**

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in July and August in Fellowship Hall. Come early for coffee and time to visit with one another. Breakfast is promptly at 8 and Bible Study is at 8:30 AM. Talk to Mike Schultz to find out more information.

Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study will resume meeting in September.

Sign Up to Read the Readings on Sundays

Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by the date that you want to read. Include your e-mail address. The readings will be sent to you ahead of time.

Christmas in Branson 2021

Wed.- Fri., Nov. 3-5



Join Immanuel Lutheran Travelers for a 3 day/2 night stay in Branson, MO. Cost of the trip is \$330 per person and includes: 2 nights at Lynina Inn incl.

hot breakfasts (dbl occ.), Bus Fare, 3 lunches & 2 evening meals, All shows

On the Agenda:

- Jesus – Sight & Sound Theater**
- Beach Boys California Dreamin'**
- Six**
- Brett Family Shopping**

Please make check payable to Judy Newman, 120 S. Joshua Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Questions? Call Judy Newman 918-254-6238 or Barbara Sabourin 918-437-4405. \$100 PER PERSON will reserve your seat. FINAL PAYMENT DUE August 31st. Cancellation policy: NO REFUNDS after Sep. 15th.

Congregational Meeting – Update on Mission Endeavor

On June 6th we had a congregational information meeting and representatives from our Ablaze satellite, our Ablaze Christian Academy, and Our Savior Lutheran Church shared what good things the Lord is doing in our unique ministry locations. Here are some of the highlights.

Donny Hall, the Chairman of our Ablaze satellite, after a heart-felt thank you for OSL's support of Ablaze, shared how before the pandemic Ablaze was averaging about 116 in worship and now currently is averaging about 76. The trend is slowly moving upward back to pre-covid numbers. Donny shared that on average monthly giving is about \$21,500. Currently Ablaze has over \$250,000 in the bank and is planning ministry for the next 5 years. Ablaze pays \$4,000 a month on our mission endeavor loan.

Mike Hulings, the President of the ACA Board, discussed how even though we saw a 70% reduction in children due to the pandemic, Ablaze Christian Academy weathered the storm and is currently full with 120 children and 65 on a waiting list. Along with the Paycheck Protection Program loan from the government, and Our Savior and Ablaze's mission dollars, ACA was able to keep and pay all employees during the pandemic. ACA is currently cash-flow positive each month with about \$24,000 in net ordinary income for the first quarter of 2021. ACA pays \$8,000 dollars a month on our mission endeavor loan.

Allen Shiever, Our Savior's treasurer, walked us through OSL's financials. Currently with ACA paying \$8,000 a month and Ablaze paying \$4,000 a month, it leaves only \$284 for OSL to pay on our mission endeavor loan each month. At the same time, Ablaze pays \$500 a month towards Pastor Dreier's salary. Therefore, in reality, we currently have a \$216 positive cash flow each month after paying our mission endeavor building loan. Praise the Lord!

Allen handed out a chart that diagramed OSL's payments from the beginning of the loan in 2018 through the end of 2021. The total payments in 2021 will come to \$78,716. This is what OSL has contributed towards our mission loan in 4 years. Allen also noted that \$70,041 of OSL's prior roof/AV loan was integrated into our mission building loan. The final tally is in four years OSL's contribution, minus the integrated Roof/AV loan, comes to a total of \$8,675. In four years that is a number that is incredibly low for all that has been accomplished.

Someone might ask about the mission dollar contribution to this mission endeavor. OSL's budgeted mission dollar for the year 2021 is \$47,900. Seven ministries are

supported by this line item expense. \$35,000 goes to ACA, a number that will slowly be reduced over the years to come. It is important to note that Ablaze satellite does not receive any mission dollars, only our children's endeavor at ACA. Following the business plan laid out for us back in 2016, God has truly blessed our Ablaze mission project, "Hands Together Building a Children's Endeavor."

In Him Who Makes All Things, Possible,
Pastor Dreier

Our Savior Lutheran Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund welcomes your gifts of any size. Gifts have been made for many reasons: remembrance of a loved one, celebrations of birthdays or anniversaries, births, and recognition that all we have really belongs to God. Gifts can also be made through your estate planning as a bequest in your will or trust or by naming the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of a fund or insurance policy.

The earnings from the Endowment Fund are used for opportunities within our congregation that are not covered by our operating budget and for missions and ministries outside of our congregation. Envelopes are provided in the narthex for use in making gifts to the Endowment Fund.

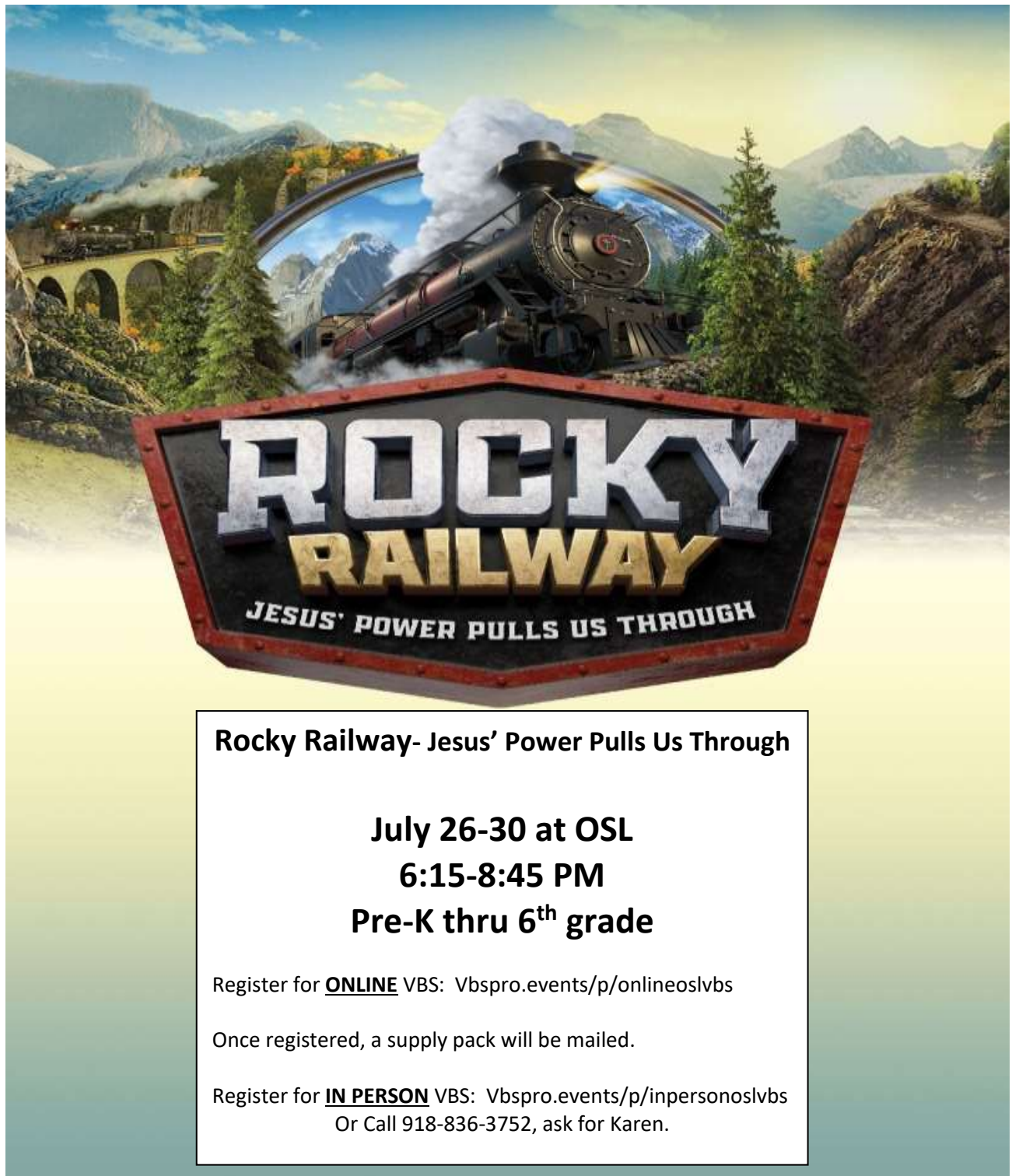
If you need more information, please contact any member of the committee: Jim Rapp, Mike Trinklein, Claudette Brown, Duane Hinck, Gene Meints.



Mission: Deep Sea

**July 19-23 at Ablaze,
5:30-8:30 PM
for ages 4-10**

Register at [Ablazechurch.org/vbs](https://ablazechurch.org/vbs)



Rocky Railway- Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

July 26-30 at OSL

6:15-8:45 PM

Pre-K thru 6th grade

Register for **ONLINE** VBS: [Vbspro.events/p/onlineoslvs](https://vbspro.events/p/onlineoslvs)

Once registered, a supply pack will be mailed.

Register for **IN PERSON** VBS: [Vbspro.events/p/inpersonoslvs](https://vbspro.events/p/inpersonoslvs)

Or Call 918-836-3752, ask for Karen.

We need volunteers to help with the in-person VBS. Volunteers can go to the in-person registration site and click on volunteer.

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We are also on Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo

Search for: Our Savior Lutheran Tulsa

If you would like the Footsteps newsletter sent to your e-mail address. Please call Sandra in the church office (918) 836-3752
Or e-mail Sandra at office@osltulsa.org.

Worship at Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 10:30 AM
146 S. Sheridan Rd., Tulsa

Worship at Ablaze
Saturday Nights at 6:30 PM
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM
Saturday Bible Study – 5:30 PM
Sunday Prayer Time – 8 :00 AM
4901 S. 177th E. Ave. (51st and Lynn Lane), Tulsa

Check Out These Websites!

Our church calendar and audio of Pastor's sermons are on our website, www.osltulsa.org .

Ablaze Church, www.ablazechurch.org

Ablaze Christian Academy, www.aca-ba.org

Oklahoma District LCMS, www.oklahomalutherans.org