

Greetings from Council!

After a brief summer hiatus, it was good to have Church Council meet and begin looking forward to all that fall will bring to OSLC. We took the first portion of the meeting to reflect upon scripture and the art of listening. This is something that we strive to do in all meetings, so it was good to have a lesson like this to work on as a team. This is certainly a skill to continue to work on every day. Pastor Leta and Pastor Jon filled us in on the happenings within the church over the summer. OSLC remained busy with all the awesome summertime activities. We had a chance to touch on so much of the stewardship happening in and around our OSLC congregation. Speaking of stewardship, council continues to look at ways that we can celebrate the time, talents and treasures that our congregation so generously gives to the church and the surrounding community. We are exceedingly grateful for everything that you do to keep our outreach programs running and enriching the lives of others. Be on the lookout for some upcoming events like the "Rally for Justice" on September 25th that will highlight ways to get involved with volunteer work in our community.

Some topics of discussion at this month's meeting involved various maintenance projects around the church that need to be completed. We've also had a request by the Faith and Justice team to form a task force to look at reducing water usage in the church. One of our priority topics of discussion is that Pastor Jon's internship is ending in May 2023. As he looks forward to his next chapter, OSLC will need to find a solution to fill his shoes. He has been such a remarkable asset to our congregation and his role has covered so many vital aspects of the church. As such, the executive board is exploring options to make that transition.

The treasurer's report was informative and as is typical, this summer has been somewhat of a rollercoaster when it comes to contributions. June had the lowest contributions of the last five years, and July had the highest of the last five years. We thank you for your generosity in July. To help us prevent these ups and down, please consider setting up automatic payments by emailing finance@our-saviours.org. It's quick and easy, and it will help our budget!

As always, you are welcome to bring comments and/or concerns to any council member and we will do our very best to serve you. God's Peace!