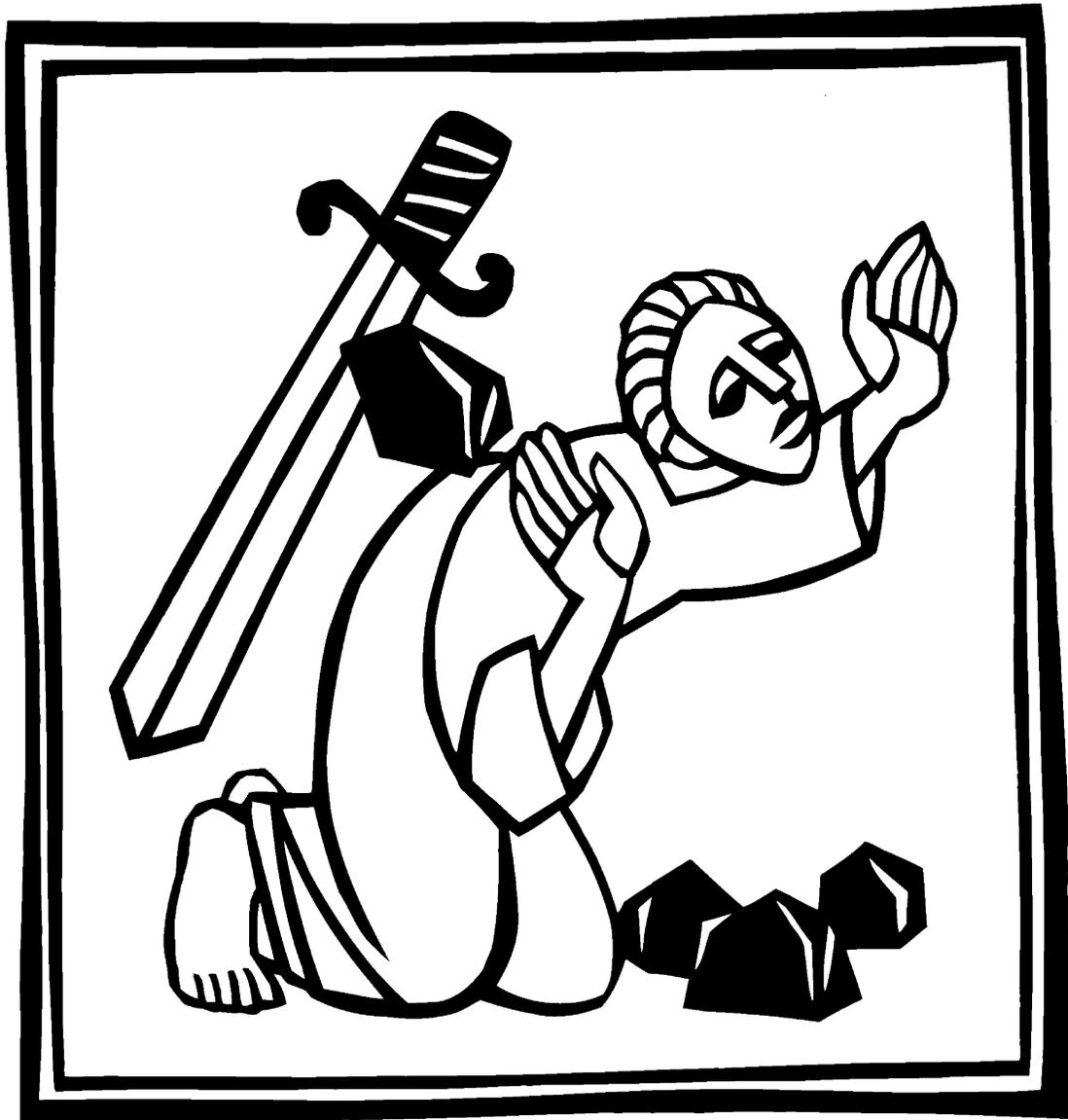


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠
September 4, 2016

Blessed St. Stephen is remembered as the first of the church's martyrs. The readings remind us that God's people have a history littered with the corpses of prophets and godly ambassadors whose words they failed to hear. Stephen's dying words echo those of our Savior. St. Stephen's Feast Day is traditionally celebrated on December 26th.



*Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*



✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world. We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Adagio from Symphony VI

C. M. Widor

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 17

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW #858

Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men & vs 4 All

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, **for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we also may pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠ Word ✠

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Dismissal Song

Children's Message

Open Our Eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je -
sus, to reach out and touch him, and
say that we love him. O - pen our ears,
Lord, and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Text: Bob Cull, b. 1949
Music: OPEN OUR EYES, Bob Cull, b. 1949

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Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60

The Christian community is growing rapidly. Even priests, along with Jews from all sorts of backgrounds, have joined the group of disciples. But as the community grows, so does the opposition, which now becomes violent. Listen as Stephen echoes Jesus' prayer of forgiveness for his opponents.

Lesson

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." ¹⁵And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.^{7:}

¹Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" ^{2a}And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me.

⁵¹"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Sing twice.

Gospel Verse

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-third chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 23:34-39

The picture of the Pharisees is one-sided and therefore misleading, but it shows Matthew's concern that all come to repentance.

Gospel

[Jesus said:] ³⁴“Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, ³⁵so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation. ⁷⁴“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸See, your house is left to you, desolate. ³⁹For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Congregation,
please be seated*

Sermon Remembering the Saints in Ordinary Time

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostle laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in needs. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

Hymn of the Day
*Please stand as
you are able.*

O Jesus, I Have Promised
ELW #810

Prayers of the Church

- P: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A: Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened..., Lord in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**
P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**



Please be seated

*After the greeting, please **share a word** of peace with your neighbors.*

Offering

A Song is a Gift to God

Mary Caldwell

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.



**Offertory
Prayer**

✠ **Offering** ✠

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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- A: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

✠ **Meal** ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. The lyrics are: You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more... than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand... Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here... to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead... You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness, you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!... Sing ho - san - na in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1948

Music: Per Harling

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Sing through one time, then lectern side sings 1 & 2, pulpit side sings 2 & 1

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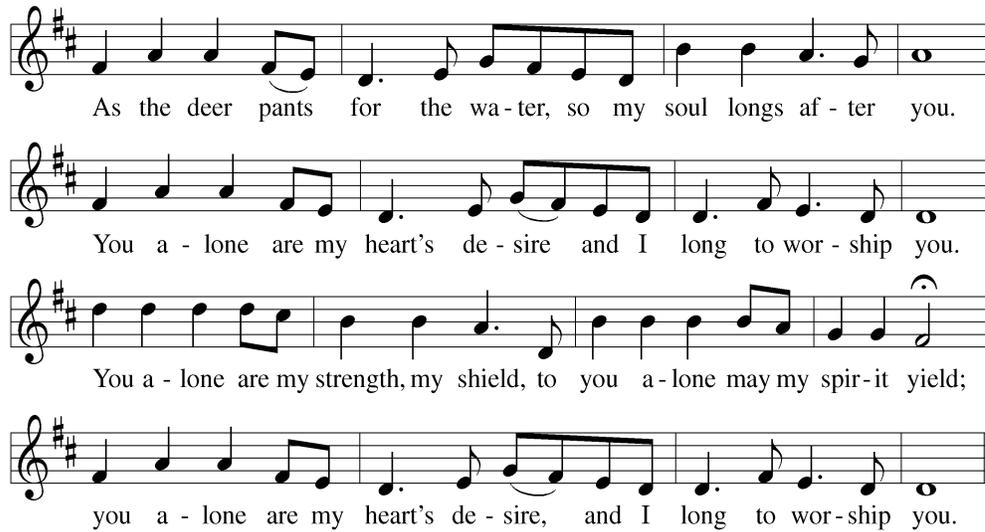
Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

Please be seated



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Communion Verse

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471

Distribution

Communion is by common cup or intinction: For the common cup, receive a piece of the bread, and drink from the white chalice. For intinction dip the bread into the brown cup with the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) as you prefer, then eat. At Lake of the Isles, we practice open communion. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

Distribution Music

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

- A: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW #550

Benediction

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord makes his face shine on to you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude on Lobe Den Herren

K. Vigne

You are invited to remain for the Postlude to enjoy this musical offering of thanksgiving and praise or leave quietly.

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

**YOUR WORSHIP
LEADERS TODAY**

Pastor
Organist
Choir Director

Rev. Arden D. Haug
Kenneth Vigne
Dawn Allan



Sending Hymn



	Worship Assistant	Mark Waldeland
	Ushers	Linda Nelson and Jenny Cook
	Altar Servers	Carolyn Hagford and Linda Nelson
	Reader	Steve Hoyt
	Communion Assistant	Mary Sabatke
	Coffee Hosts	Mechels Family
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	Custodian	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	5:00 pm	Anderson/Chambers Wedding	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Ascent Group	Library/Sanctuary
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	LOTI Men's AA Group	Room 56
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teacher Training	Sunday School Rooms
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Punschklubben Dinner	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	4:30 pm	Aponas/Gauger Wedding	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School	
	10:30 am	Pie and Ice Cream Social	Patio
	7:00 pm	Ascent Group	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:
Lucy Miller, Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Shirley Carlson, Cheri Moe, Alice Gunter, LOTI members; **Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson,** friends of the Kuehn Family; **Maria**

Gonzalez, friend of Cheri Moe; **Stephanie and Richard Forsyth and children,** daughter and son-in-law of Don and Eileen Anderson; **Joan Cone,** aunt of Mark Duff; **Kendall Betts,** friend of Michelle McCreery; **Ruth Sabatke,** mother of Bruce Sabatke.

STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship. If the need arises, however, the Christy Room is available for you and your child. The nursery will not be staffed

today. The Christy Room is located to the left of the sanctuary through the side door at the front of the church and across from the church office. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to help you. There is a baby changing table available in the unisex restroom between the pastor's office and the sacristy.

<p>Loved Ones In The Military Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.</p>	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Olan Duval-Arnould
9/8

Erin Wilcox
9/8

PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The pie and ice cream social will again be held on Rally Sunday, September 11th. We will need pie contributions so it's time to start thinking about what kind of pie you'd like to make. **Contact Linda in the church office and let her know if you will be bringing a pie. We also need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up.** More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks. Talk with Wendy Westerberg and Margaret Coleman, who are planning to make home-made ice cream, if you would like to participate in doing that.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
NEW CLASS BEGINS TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13**

Dawn Allan has agreed to lead our fall Women's Bible Study. Here are the details.

- o "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur
- o Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- o Ten weeks (September 13, 20, 27/ October 4, 11, 18, 25/ November 1, 8, 15)
- o In the library at LOTI
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If you register before September 1, books are \$10.00 (retail for \$16.99) and will be ordered by Dawn Allan.

Please contact Debra Gilroy at debragilroy@gmail.com for more details. Please register in the office with Linda Nelson, churchoffice@loti.org.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW**

It's time to register for Sunday School! We are looking forward to starting Sunday School on Rally Sunday, September 11. Sunday School is offered for children who are age 3 by September 1 through those entering 6th grade. We ask all families to register their children for Sunday School. The online form can be found on our website www.loti.org under the Church Life- Children's Ministry-Sunday School section. Paper copies are also available at both entrances to the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Diane LaMere at diamere.lotl@yahoo.com or call the church office at 612-377-5095.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you love looking with children, please consider being a Sunday School teacher! High school youth and adults (of all ages!) are invited to be a part of a teaching team for a Sunday School class. Training is provided and detailed lesson plans are given in advance each week. Teachers do not teach every week - instead they create a teaching schedule with their teaching team that fits everyone's schedule. Substitute teachers are available when there is a conflict on a given Sunday for the teaching team. Volunteer forms are available at both entrances of the Sanctuary. The online volunteer form can be found on our website under the Church Life- Children's Ministry-Sunday School section. If you have questions about teaching, please contact Diane LaMere at diamere.lotl@yahoo.com or call the church office at 612-377-5095.

**OUR SAVIOUR'S
THE SEARCH FOR HOME:
INTRODUCTION TO HOUSING &
HOMELESSNESS
2016 DATES**

<p>Tuesday, October 4 6:00 -.m. to 8:30 p.m. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity 1954 University Ave. W. St. Paul, MN 55104</p>	<p>Thursday, November 3 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Beacon Interfaith Bloomington Site TBD</p>
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Join OSH for an educational and interactive training about affordable housing and homelessness in

Minnesota. The training will cover the history of homelessness and low-income housing, the range of housing options available today, the cost of homelessness, and an examination of solutions. See the bulletin boards in the narthex and Fellowship Hall for more information and how to register.

NEW DIRECTORY ADDRESS CHANGES

We would like to publish a new directory this fall. If you have any changes with regard to address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc., please contact Linda in the church office at churchoffice@loti.org so we can make sure the changes are in the new directory. We will also try to take new photos if you would like to change your photo or do not have one currently in the directory.

***ELECTRONIC GIVING
SCAN TO GIVE***



***EXTENDED CALENDAR
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES***

& Events



September 7

Sunday School Teacher Training
7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class Starts
7:00 p.m.

September 11

First Sunday of Sunday School
Rally Sunday
Pie and Ice Cream Social

September 13

Women's Bible Study Begins
7:00 p.m.

September 17

Minnesota Recovery Connection Fundraiser
8:00 am.

September 18

New Bibles Presentation
During worship

Isles Ensemble Concert
2:00 p.m.

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