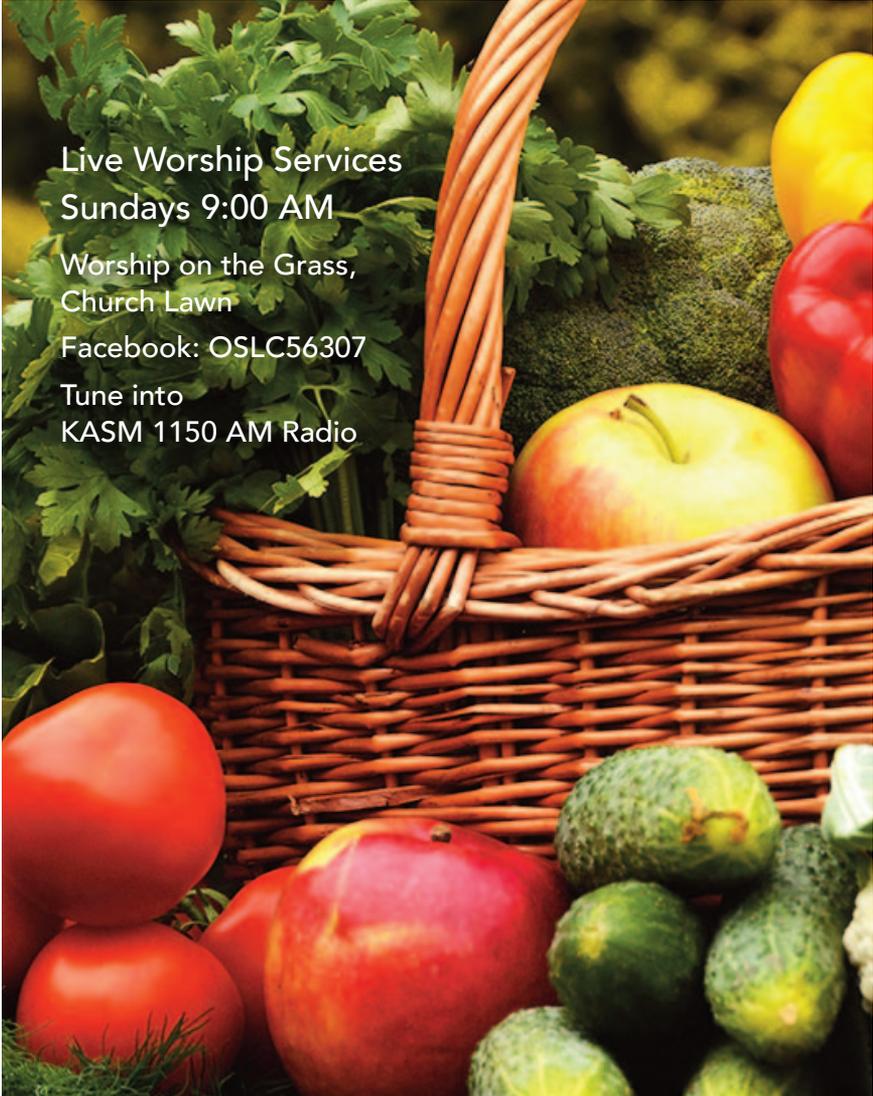




the Kindred Spirit

September
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A wicker basket filled with fresh produce, including green leafy vegetables, a yellow bell pepper, a red bell pepper, a yellow apple, a red apple, and several green cucumbers. The basket is set against a blurred green background.

Live Worship Services
Sundays 9:00 AM

Worship on the Grass,
Church Lawn

Facebook: [OSLC56307](#)

Tune into
KASM 1150 AM Radio

September 2020

Additions to the calendar? Email Our Savior's Lutheran Church office: oursaviors@albanytel.com or call 320-845-2405

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Please check the website calendar for schedule changes and/or cancellations: OurSaviorsLutheranAlbany.org						



Romans 12:4-8

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”

Dear Siblings in Christ,

This past week I discovered something new about you, Our Savior’s. It surprised me, maybe astounded me, and I would like to go on record that this is of particular importance to your life together.

What I discovered is that the good work you did 5-6 years ago to create a structure of committees to make your ministry happen, that good work is in jeopardy. It is in jeopardy because there is currently no structure to bring new people into the work of these ministries! You do not have a way to help folks in this congregation consider

their spiritual gift and then use them for the sake of God’s work in the world.

And so, on this Sunday, when we read from 1 Corinthians 12, it seemed ironic... or maybe it was the Holy Spirit... that I, as your spiritual guide, learned about this deep need of yours.

Of course, folks who have served on committees for five or more years would like to take a break from those committees. That is a long time to have one particular commitment in one’s life, and frankly, you have been incredibly blessed by people who have been so dedicated and empowered for such a long time! God has blessed you!

Now, however, it is time to give these folks a break! But the tough part is, it really isn’t that simple. As people begin to step off of committees you need people who are ready to step into those positions of leadership. And here is where we have some work to do.

My friends in Christ, we have had dozens of new families join the congregation in the last five years, dozens of babies baptized, and plenty of folks who care deeply about the congregation thriving as God’s place of outreach.

But those folks who have not yet been in leadership will need some guidance, encouragement and prayer time to hear how God might be calling them to step into various roles here at Our Savior’s.

This is the challenge of today, and the next several months, and maybe years, for Our Savior's. Along with the other amazing work your leadership is already doing, such as working to best steward the financial gifts you have been given through the estates of long-time members and continue to explore the ways that you can interact and minister with the wider community.

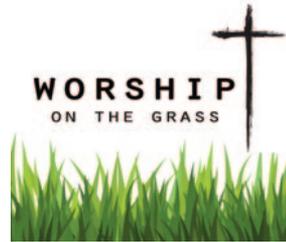
As this month you form a call committee who will be interviewing candidates for your new pastor, you can begin to set up that new pastor for "success" with you by beginning to pray. Especially about how you will partner together: How will the congregation provide new and renewing leadership from within your membership? How will you intentionally welcome new members to the community of Albany and to your congregation and give them the opportunity to live out their Christian discipleship? How will you take the time to prayerfully live out your discipleship, the way you are called to follow Jesus in this time and place?

Our Savior's, you have become dear to me in this past year, and you will be a blessed adventure for any new pastor who comes to Albany. I hope that you are prayerfully and carefully discerning, even now, what your gifts are and how you can offer those back to God. And also, how you can encourage people who are

not yet fully engaged, to do the same. And then reach out to your council, offer the gifts you have to give, and encourage others to do the same.

God bless your September. May our return to school be safe and healthy for everyone in our communities.

Pastor Kirsten



With Communion
Sundays 9:00 AM

- Bring our lawn chairs, wear masks and Stay 6 feet from folks as we find our seats on the lawn!
- Bring our printed worship orders to participate!
- Use the bathroom before you come; No bathrooms will be available
- Stay home if we have a cough, fever, fatigue or any other possible COVID19 symptoms
- Stay home if we are At-Risk
- In case of rain: Moving worship online will be announced via Facebook and on KASM by 8:00am.

We will continue to broadcast on KASM 1150AM, Facebook Live and Public Access TV (with a week delay) for those who are safest worshipping at home.

Homecoming Committee

In August, the Homecoming Committee began meeting to address the desire to get church members back into the building. First, the group has worked out how to follow the state guidelines for small group building use. This plan was approved at the August council meeting.

If your small group would like to use the church for gatherings of 10 people or less, the first step would be to call the church office and schedule the meeting and room with Angie. She will share OSLC's plan for small groups to meet safely with your group leader and ask the leader to share these expectations with the whole group. Our church is a public building so mask wearing and social distancing will be mandatory.

When you arrive at the Office Door a large sign will display the following:

Acting on our love for our neighbors, we commit to the following actions when using OSLC's building:

1. Sign in and out
2. Gather in groups less than 10
3. Wear masks covering nose and mouth
4. Do not bring food or use the coffee maker
5. Honor signs posted

God loves you, and so do we! Let's keep each other healthy!

We are pleased to be able to make the building available again. Thank you for following the guidelines so that we are able to continue having groups meet inside and expand on this plan.

The next steps for the Homecoming Committee will be to work on how we can implement in-building worship and then finally education programs.

*Homecoming committee members:
Deb Kurtz, Vernice Burg, Deb Solarz, Diana Brown, Pastor Kirsten*

Lunch with the Pastor! Wednesdays 12:30 pm

If you have access to a phone or computer, you can have lunch with Pastor Kirsten! We can talk about the Holy Story that is coming up next in worship.

Below is the Zoom information to join the meeting. Mark your calendars!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/805816506>

Meeting ID: 805 816 506

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,805816506# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 805 816 506

OSLC YOUTH & FAMILIES

Confirmation

The Education Committee is working on the upcoming year and what confirmation classes at OSLC will look like. We know and understand how difficult the changing situation can be. The truth is living through history during a global pandemic is hard. Being flexible in an ever changing environment is hard. To name even one more transition that is soon to be coming is that soon we will be calling a settled pastor. This is yet another change. There is a plan in the works for confirmation classes that can make the transition to a new Pastor as well as works for busy families and students regardless if we can get together in person.

In the meantime family input is needed. A Survey for families with students of confirmation age is being conducted. Please fill this out as your input is essential in making a confirmation class that will teach and disciple our next generation as they grow in their faith.

Faith Mentor Pen Pals Wanted

Now recruiting faithful people of God that wish to share their

wisdom with confirmation aged students of OSLC. The confirmation class is asking each student pair with a faith mentor for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. A faith mentor would become pen pals with a student and would be asked to connect with the student through a variety of faith topics. Prompts for getting conversation started will be provided. Share a little bit of God's Love with a student! Connect with Diana if interested!

Joyful Noise

Are you looking for a way to reach the youngest disciples of OSLC? Joyful Noise is a weekly video that shares the Bible stories, faith lessons, songs, and more. You are welcome to use your creative talents in spreading the good news! Connect with Diana if you are interested or have any questions.

Youth and Family Fellowship

Looking for fun and fellowship friends! The Youth and Family Ministries of OSLC is looking for families to help plan some socially distanced fun. Have a great place to go sledding, wanna have a bonfire, have a crafty talent you can share??? These are just some of the ideas I have, but I bet you have more!!! Connect with Diana if you are able to help plan and implement a socially distanced fun

time of fellowship for teens,
children, or families!

Back to School Blessing Sept. 13th · 9:00am Worship

This school year is one unlike most of us have seen in our lifetime. Prayers and blessings for students, staff, and parents.

Faithful Training Camp *For Adults that care about teen and children's faith formation.*

Join together with other families and individuals to get training on fulfilling your baptismal promises. Raising up a child takes strength, flexibility, and practice. Raising up a follower of Christ is no different. Families are the first community and most basic way that God gathers us. Martin Luther placed great emphasis on parents being the primary faith formers of their children. Learn what it means to be a role model of faith (hint: you don't have to know everything or be perfect - that's why it's called faith practices.) Over this 6 week class you will be introduced to different faith practices that you can use in your home to grow faith together as a family. See you there!

Sept 13 - Oct 18 10:15am on the Sidewalk of OSLC! Bring lawn chairs or a blanket, your Bible, and your masks. Social Distancing will be observed.



Greetings to you from the desk of Mike Aronson, OSLC's Music Coordinator!

As we work through the precautions required to worship while society battles the COVID-19 pandemic, would like to take this opportunity to share our plans for music opportunities for (at least) the near future. In order to worship as safely as we can, OSLC has taken into consideration the guidelines from the MN Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). In order to abide by the issued guidelines, our plans related to music programming are as follows:

- Musicians can offer music on piano, organ, electronic keyboard, percussion, and strings.
- Provide hymns in worship with instrumental accompaniment, and include words printed in the worshiper's bulletin, inviting them to reflect or meditate silently or hum on select verses.
- Song leader may be placed a safe distance away from the congregation, providing visual and aural and visual leadership.
- Adult Choir will resume only after it is deemed safe to do so.

We invite you to read the addendum on the following pages,

written by the Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson, Director for Evangelical Mission, ELCA, as published in the blog of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Along with our approach above, Pederson's words provide important insight that we strongly support and ask that the Church Council, Worship Committee, pastors, and other key stakeholders of Atonement prayerfully consider.

ADDENDUM

From the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Blog, published May 14, 2020.

Risks of Singing During a Pandemic

By Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson,
Director for Evangelical Mission,
ELCA

Singing: Who knew it was risky—until now?

I miss the singing! We all feel it: worshipers, choir members, worship leaders, and pastors. We haven't been together to sing in a long time. Martin Luther said, Those who sing pray twice. Sitting at home, we miss the experience of singing with others. It doesn't matter what style of music we prefer: contemporary, traditional hymns, rock, folk, or choral arrangements... We Lutherans just miss our music. We may feel like God's people did in exile so long ago, as they cried, How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?! Then just when we think that we've learned everything there is to know about

COVID-19, new info comes to light. That information is summarized by one word: aerosol. You know—the mist you see when you spray an aerosol can of anything into the sunlight, and you can see these little particles hang in the air? That's it. Recently, scientists have taught us how risky it is to be exposed to the aerosols of the virus through, of all things—singing. Videos in the links below show how particles move out from someone's mouth far beyond 6 ft. and up to 30 ft. Who knew singing could be risky behavior?! But remember back a couple of months ago when we heard stories of how churches suffered a significant number of illnesses and deaths? Most of those transmissions traced back to that activity we all know and love: singing. And NONE of us want to live with the question of whether our actions caused someone to get sick, or even die.

Physicians and thousands of the nation's choral and music leaders have discussed the very real risk of transmitting the disease by singing, and these are some of their insights:

- The keys to reopening safe group singing and performances will be wide-spread testing, contact screening, rapid diagnostic testing, vaccine development, new drug treatments, and physical distancing (including masks, gloves) until safe vaccines are developed.

- A return to group singing is high risk because people can be asymptomatic and contagious.
- The masks that most people wear are not a safe barrier because droplets get through or escape a mask at the top, bottom, or sides. In addition, heavy-material masks can make it difficult to breathe as they re-circulate breath, leading to headache. Masks are hot to wear, and could put a strain on people in our choirs with significant health issues (asthmas, COPD, heart disease).
- As one university professor of music has said, “There is no safe way for choirs to rehearse together until there is a vaccine or 95% effective treatment in place, most likely 1 year to 18 months. Perhaps occasionally outside in small groups, but only when the wind is not at your back. Masks and spacing DO NOT protect your singers from contagion, and singers are super-spreaders.”

The catechism asks, What does this mean?! What does this mean for congregational singing? **Can we sing together?**

For the time being, there does not seem to be a safe way for congregations or choirs to sing together in worship. So before we resume congregational singing and prepare for the time when we can, consider answers to technical questions like this:

- Is it possible for small groups to sing outside, when the wind is not at your back?
- Is there an acceptance of risk by group/sponsor or both?
- Can there be screening at the door in a private space (not by a choir member), checking for symptoms, temperature (less than 99.4F), and pulse oximetry check?
- How do you maintain privacy issues: Who is managing this data? How do you interpret it? (With a choir, for example, what if the first time you practice, everybody passes the test; then the next time, Sarah comes in, but has to leave, and everyone knows she didn't pass the test? How do you respect people's privacy in health matters?)
- How do you handle transmission of viral particles from surfaces (hands, hymn books, Bibles, music folders, door handles, instruments)?
- How do you space people out so they aren't singing in each other's faces?
- How do we keep pastors—including high-risk pastors—safe from the aerosol droplets that the congregation projects toward them?
- Can we keep worshipers safe and protected from one another in corporate worship if they are speaking in unison (even the Lord's Prayer) and singing together?

What we CAN do

- Musicians can continue to offer music on piano, organ, electronic keyboard, percussion, and strings.

- In the sanctuary a song leader may be placed a safe distance away from the congregation, and providing visual and aural leadership...

Our call is to love our neighbor and protect the most vulnerable among us. It will be very difficult for any congregation to find a way to answer the above questions affirmatively and keep worshipers and worship leaders safe. It may be that for a time, a vocalist—safely distanced in front of a sanctuary—offers the congregation’s song on behalf of everyone.

As we look to the day when we will be able to belt-out our songs together again, we patiently remember God’s promise, If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come. (Habakkuk 2:3)

And in the meantime, we sing alone together:

*My life flows on in endless song;
above earth’s lamentation,*

*I catch the sweet, though far-off
hymn that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.*

*Since Christ is Lord of heaven and
earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Resources

- Interview with Dr. Michael Osterholm regarding pandemic and the risks of in-person, congregational worship.
- An in-depth look at the science

of singing, through the eyes of a vocalist.

- A Conversation: What Do Science and Data Say About the Near-Term Future of Singing #officialnats. This is an excellent, 2-hour meeting, of national vocal leaders and physicians.

Sally Sands Q&A

Sally Sands is the Emergency Preparedness public health official for Stearns County and a member of Our Savior’s.

Sally was kind enough to offer her knowledge and resources to us again on August 9, 2020. She answered two questions that had been submitted by the congregation, and then discussed answers to several questions related to issues of the day with the group who was present, largely about school openings and compliance in communities.

Question: So far you are the only one I have heard claim a 5% death rate. Where does that statistic come from?

I was unable to find the archived numbers from the end of June for the US and the world, but a weekly report for MN shows that the week of 6/21-6/27 there were 34,123 confirmed cases of

COVID and 1,406 deaths. When determining the death rate for a disease, we use the case fatality rate. To find this rate we look at how many people who were diagnosed with a disease died from that disease. So, $1,406 \div 34,123 = 4.1\%$ death rate. The US rate was a little higher and the world death rate was even higher. That is why I stated that the death rate was between 4-5%.

People that are saying that there is a 99.9% chance of survival from COVID are saying that there are currently 162,000 COVID deaths and the population of the US is 328,200,000, therefore they are saying that $162,000 \div 328,200,000$ gives you a death rate that is less than 1%. This isn't the way we figure a death rate for any other disease and is very misleading. You can't be a "survivor" of a disease you haven't had.

The good news is that the death rate is going down! it is now between 3-4%. In MN there are currently 53,692 cases and 1,594 deaths, which is a 3% death rate. In the US there are approximately 5,001,000 cases and 162,000 deaths, which is a 3.2% death rate. In the entire world, there are 19,680,042 cases and 727,777 deaths, which is a 3.7% death rate.

By comparison, during a typical season, the death rate for influenza (flu) is 0.1%.

Question: I have heard people don't want to wear masks because they lower your oxygen levels and increase your carbon dioxide levels, is that true? Is it more likely with certain types of masks (cloth verses surgical)?

No, wearing a mask doesn't decrease your oxygen saturation levels or dangerously increase your carbon dioxide levels. People have been wearing masks for long periods of time for their work long before COVID and this hasn't been an issue. Doctors, Nurses, painters, dry wall installers, etc., all wear masks for extended periods of time without harmful health effects. Some people have reported feeling dizzy or getting headaches after wearing a mask for long periods. This is most often a result of dehydration. We aren't drinking as much or as often with masks on. It is important to remember to take breaks and drink plenty of fluids.

Here are two videos about wearing masks that show how oxygen levels are impacted, or not impacted:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i5qwtb_pOA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axSHWgO8-0k>

Question: How does contact tracing work?

County and state contact tracers call people within 24 hours of a

positive test result. They ask a whole bunch of questions of the person to determine when they were actually contagious, and then who they were in contact with during that time period. People are contagious two days before symptoms present. The contact tracing process is looking for “Close Contact” that is, anyone with whom that person was within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. Then, each contact is called and asked to quarantine for 14 days.

This is the best way to control the spread, to keep businesses open and society going. To be sure that those who have had a known contact with an infected person do not, in turn, expose others. Spread tends to happen in large gatherings.

What does Public Health do when people are not following the guidance or are “breaking the rules?”

Public Health is not here to force folks to do things. We are trying to provide education and help people understand the benefits for themselves and community. 99% of the time people want to do the right thing and will comply with quarantines or other safety measures. It is possible for the state level Public Health to address noncompliance, but this enforcement is used very rarely. The goal is to work together for the good of everyone.

We have seen outbreaks in businesses, what is happening on that front to minimize those?

People who work in meatpacking plants often do not have PTO and can lose “points” for not coming to work. Public Health has worked with businesses to create policies that allow people to stay home due to illness. This kind of support for individual workers, including COVID pay and extra PTO makes us all safer by minimizing the spread in all workplaces.

We know that the state guidance for schools is based on a rolling average of cases over two weeks. Does that mean that when students go back to school soon, the plan will be changing every two weeks?

It is possible that the recommended plan could change regularly. The guidelines have been designed with what is hoped to be a big enough margin to allow for planning over time for one model of schooling. However, if a large outbreak happens, that will impact students ability to be in the school building.

What can we do as parents and caring adults to support kids in the midst of all this uncertainty?

A positive attitude from parents and the community goes a long way! Caregivers will help by

talking to kids about how this is an adventure and that we will all have an opportunity to learn flexibility. Any plans that can be set up for childcare in the case of full distance learning would be important to investigate now. It is highly likely that we will be in full distance learning mode at some point during this school year.

Some people have heard about parents setting up their own pods for learning so that their kids have a small group of families they are consistently relating to but not going beyond that into the general population. Is that something schools are considering?

The current guidance states that whenever possible, students will be kept in “cohorts” or “pods.” The goal is to keep the group together and not have them mixing with other cohorts. This includes not sharing the cafeteria, not intermixing in the library or gym and staggering hall passing times. Childcare has been following the guidance of a ratio of 9 students to 1 teacher, only interacting with their own group. The goal is that if there were a case in the school, there would be a limited number of kids and staff who would be exposed and therefore a limited number that would need to quarantine.

There is talk of airborne droplets as well as the virus being carried

in the air as an aerosol. Can we get sick from just being exposed to someone else’s air after they have left a space?

Aerosolized virus is still being studied and there is not enough conclusive evidence to say that the virus spreads this way. We know that the biggest way the virus spreads is by droplets, which are heavy, and therefore cannot hang out in the air for long, they are too heavy and they fall.

Sally, are you comfortable with us going back inside the building for worship?

Yes. I am comfortable with reopening church. We need to space things out and have a good plan. The biggest issue of concern is when do we pull the plug again? How difficult is it to get folks back out of the church again? In the fall, things will likely get much worse and therefore, we need to be ready for that shift back into fully online options for both school and worship. I won’t be surprised if that happens by Thanksgiving. Outdoors is always better.

Newsletter deadline
is the 15th of the month

Mission Site Profile update

The MSP team has finished their task and has turned over the synod information form to the church council to review and forward to the synod.

This was a time consuming project but a very important one. The information on this form will be used by the synod to match pastoral candidates with our church. This information was gathered by many different methods over the past 8 months.

Because of the current Pandemic, the process did take longer than originally planned but it is now complete.

The next step in this process will include a review by the church council and the call committee that yet needs to be set up. This committee will be charged with the task of working with the South West Minnesota Synod to secure a list of possible candidates. They will review all resumes and set up interviews with those that best match up with the needs of our church as per the synod form that was put together by your MSP team. The call committee will conduct the interviews and present a recommendation to the council.

Hopefully the next steps will proceed without any further interruptions.

Your MSP team

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Financial Summary as of July 31, 2020

	July only	July YTD
General Fund Offerings/Income	\$ 10,027	\$ 112,893
General Fund Expenses	\$ 18,486	\$ 139,900
Net Differences <i>(income less expenses)</i>	\$ (8,458)	\$(27,007)
	Annual Budget	Annual to-date
General Fund Offerings/Income	\$ 247,272	\$ 112,893
Needed each month	\$ 20,606	\$ 16,126
Needed each week	\$ 4,755	\$ 3,763

Please note: above information does not include designated funds or grant proceeds.

Albany Food Shelf

The following items are needed this month at the Albany Food Shelf:

Kleenex
Baked Beans



At this time, we ask that you drop off your donations at the Food Shelf, located across the street from church in the Senior Center building, 741 Lake Ave. Times are listed below.

Any extra donations or monetary gifts are greatly appreciated! Many families in the area are in greater need at this time.

Albany Food Shelf Hours

1st Thursday – mornings
3rd Thursday – Early evenings
Connect with Edna
(320) 291-6623

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will resume meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm, when we can.

You can Support
Kristin Wolford,

missionary to the Dominican Republic, with a gift or set up monthly support at:

www.igo-worldwide.org/ramas-vivas.

KristinWolford@yahoo.com
320-309-0707 (US)
320-497-2064 (DR)



from Kristin Wolford, missionary to the Dominican Republic

Hurricane Relief

On July 30th, Hurricane Isaiiah wiped through the Dominican Republic. Hato Mayor, the city where the majority of our team members live, was declared a disaster zone. One member from our team wrote to me saying, "we lost everything." Thousands of family, friends and neighbors are experiencing the same type of devastation. Because of COVID-19, government shut-downs and curfews, unemployment and poverty rates were already rising - now this.

Ramas Vivas Unites

Some of our youth leaders united this morning to give a hug, help clean out the mud and sort

through the damage. We are collecting funds for stove tops, gas tanks, mattresses, bedding, groceries and other household items. We hope you will join us in sharing a gift of hope with a family in need through your financial gifts. Follow the link below to learn how you can participate in hurricane relief efforts.

Donate towards any of the following: Stove Top and Gas Tank: \$160 Mattress and Bedding: \$225 Big Bag of Groceries + Household Items: \$50

Respond Today! Go to www.igo-worldwide.org/ramas-vivas and write RVMinistry in the comments box or send a check payable to IGO WORLDWIDE with RVMinistry in the memoline Mail to P.O. Box 2164 Stillwater, MN 55082





“Hannah was so sad that she cried to the LORD. She made a promise, saying, “LORD All-Powerful, see how sad I am. Remember me and don’t forget me.”

—1 Samuel 1:10-11

“What can I say? The Lord told me what would happen and then made it happen. I have had these troubles in my soul, so now I will be humble all my life.”

—Isaiah 38:15

“No one else can know your sadness, and strangers cannot share your joy.”

—Proverbs 14:10

“Do not be bitter or angry or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil. Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as god forgave you in Christ.”

—Ephesians 4:31-32

“You have become weak, so make yourselves strong again.”

—Hebrews 12:15

“So Hannah became pregnant, and in time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “His name is Samuel because I asked the LORD for him.”

1 Samuel 1:20

Father, we thank You for always loving us enough to show us areas we need to change. Today, in this moment, we acknowledge that there are areas that need to be addressed in our lives. This can and will sideline us and limit what You can do through us. Offense, bitterness, and unforgiveness are a terrible trio and a big stumbling block in our spiritual walk. Those 3 things trap us, and rob us of faith. We speak to those 3 areas and rebuke them out in Jesus’ Name! —Amen.

(Bible verses are from New Century Version)

Don't Forget Your Offering...

During this time of Social Distancing while you are away from weekly services, it's important to remember

the financial needs of the church remain ongoing.

Now is the time to enroll in Online Giving using a convenient link on our website at

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to help you through these uncertain times, and we appreciate your continued support of our mission.

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