

CONNECTIONS

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WITH WHAT GOD IS DOING AT OSAC

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*"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads
me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul."*

Psalm 23:2-3



“Hosanna” People shouted “Hosanna” when welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9) they looked to him as their long awaited savior. Hosanna-Lord **Save US!** And also **PRAISE GOD FOR SALVATION!**

It is a beautiful word that holds both a cry for help and a declaration of faith.

This year we celebrated Palm Sunday by worshiping, singing and shouting Hosanna to Jesus or Savior Coming King and our Living Hope.

Hear the Sound of Hearts Retuning to you



"By His wounds we are healed." — Isaiah 53:5

This isn't just a verse we memorize it's one we pause to remember, especially at Easter. But do we truly understand the weight of it? The sacrifice? The hope?

If you've seen The Passion of the Christ, you've caught a glimpse... graphic, painful, and hard to watch of what those wounds may have looked like. It's not something most would rewatch, but it brings into focus the reality of what Christ endured for us.

And yet, the story doesn't end there. Because in three days, everything changed.

He rose. He defeated the grave. He carried our judgment, our penalty for sin and laid it to rest so that we might have life, and have it to the fullest.

Through Pastor Ryan's sermon, we were reminded that the words in the Bible can and will change our lives. One verse that stands out is Matthew 28:6, when the angel said to the women, "He is not here; He is risen, just as He said." A verse worth memorizing, a verse that holds power.

Pastor Ryan walked us through the story and pointed out that there were holes in the soldier's report of events. From there, he shared three common obstacles to faith:

1. **Money** – As Matthew 6:24 reminds us, we cannot serve both God and money. This is a barrier to faith.
2. **People** – The expectations of others, peer pressure, and the desire to please others can become barriers. Galatians 1:10 reminds us that seeking approval from others can lead us away from God.
3. **Human reasoning** – We often trust our own logic over God's Word, thinking we can figure everything out ourselves (Matthew 28:12).

Pastor Ryan asked a question we should all consider: In your pursuit of Christ, which obstacle is most difficult for you to overcome... money, people, or human reasoning?

He then offered three invitations to faith, inspired by Matthew 28:

1. **Come and see** – Witness for yourself the goodness of the Lord and the truth of His promises.
2. **Come and worship** – Show your love and allegiance to Christ through heartfelt worship.
3. **Go and share** – As Matthew 28:7 says, "Go quickly and tell His disciples, He is risen." We are called to share the good news boldly, without fear, because Jesus came on a rescue mission to seek and save the lost.

Faith is both personal and active. We come, we worship, and we go living out the reality of Christ's resurrection in our lives and sharing it with others.

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

PAINTING WORKSHOP



Christine Gross came prepared once again to guide us through another wonderful painting workshop, testing our patience (in the best way!) while encouraging our creativity at every step. From mixing colors to carefully leading each brushstroke, she is a truly gifted and gracious teacher.

We're so grateful for her leadership and for the patience she showed each of us as we laughed, giggled, and occasionally second-guess ourselves along the way. In the end, we were all able to create beautiful pieces, each one a little masterpiece. Thank you, Christine, for sharing your time, talent, and heart with us.

If you missed this year's workshop, keep an eye out, we're hoping to do it again next year!



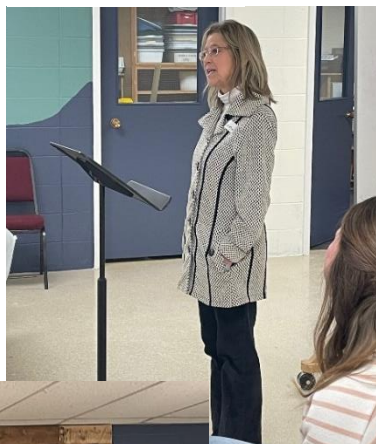
For this year's painting workshop, on the Friday evening, we had the privilege of hearing from Rhonda Clark. Rhonda, who has been part of OSAC for many years, shared openly about her long health journey a road marked by many ups and downs. Through it all, she reflected on God's faithfulness, recognizing His fingerprints even in the most difficult moments. Remarkably, the evening she shared marked the one-year anniversary of her hospitalization for cardiac arrest. What a powerful testimony of God's sustaining grace, and what a joy it was to celebrate all that He has done and continues to do in her life.

On Saturday, we were blessed to hear Lisa Witvoet's testimony. Lisa shared how God has been at work in her life, giving her courage to walk through challenging situations. She also spoke about her present health issues and how God has been her strength through it, faithfully providing comfort in the midst of uncertainty. Her words were deeply encouraging, pointing us to the hope she has found in Jesus.

Thank you, Rhonda and Lisa, for your willingness to share so vulnerably and faithfully. Your testimonies were a beautiful reminder of God's goodness at work in every season.



Rhonda Clark



Lisa Witvoet



Thank you, Jessica Lyman, for creating such a beautiful and eye-catching charcuterie board. It was not only stunning to look at, but absolutely delicious as well. Your creativity and attention to detail was truly appreciated.



Thank you **Kristen!** Welcome **Josie!**



We celebrated and thanked Kristen Salisbury-Turner for her care and love for our children during her time as our Children's Ministry Coordinator for close to three years.

Kristen, we are so grateful that you said yes to this role, supporting our Sunday School teachers and creating meaningful opportunities for our kids to meet Jesus and build friendships with one another. You stepped in at a time when there was a real need, and your faithfulness has made a lasting impact.

We also want to thank your family for sharing you with us and supporting you in this ministry.

We are thankful that Kristen and her family will continue to worship with us. When you see her, please take a moment to express your appreciation.

Josie McCallum now serves as our Pastor, of Children's Ministry. Having grown up in this church, Josie is delighted to step into this ministry role and is eager to walk alongside our children in their early faith journey, while also supporting and equipping parents as they minister at home. Please join us in warmly welcoming Josie!



Ecuador **STMT** **Silent** **Auction**



Thank you, OSAC, for supporting the Ecuador short-term mission's silent auction. What a great event it was!

There were so many pies, cakes, and delicious baked goods to enjoy. If you were at our chili cook-off and remember our 2026 chili cook-off winner, Andrew Toth, you'll be happy to know he contributed some truly decadent cakes that were up for bidding. We even had someone generously offer a full year of baking—once a month which was such a unique and special item!

Beyond the baked goods, we also had some fantastic items and experiences available, including stereos, a camping experience, window cleaning, room painting and even beef. We always find that those experience-based items are such a great addition to our silent auctions.

It was wonderful to see the variety and creativity in all the auction entries. Most importantly, the students and leaders are incredibly excited about the upcoming trip, and they're so thankful for your support and shared enthusiasm.

There's another fundraiser coming up in **May 16th: A car wash 10-2pm @ Van Dolders Kitchen and Bath located beside Zehrs.** So we encourage you to spread the word to your friends and neighbours. Thank you for continuing to help the team move toward their financial goal!

100TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT



In 2024, Owen Sound Alliance Church celebrated 100 years of ministry in Owen Sound. Throughout the month of June, we honoured the many individuals who faithfully served—pastors, leaders, and those who have gone into ministry.

The signature quilt now hanging in its new location beautifully represents the legacy of our church. Each square tells a story of the early families who helped establish the church on 3rd Avenue West, of former pastors and youth leaders, and of those who continue to be part of our church family today.

As you take time to look over these names, may you be encouraged to thank the Lord for the faithfulness of those who came before us. And may we also pray for those who are part of this present generation, that they would carry forward this legacy, reaching the people of Owen Sound and the Grey and Bruce counties with the love of Jesus, sharing the same love that He has given to us.

A special thank you to the Prayers & Squares ladies who carefully assembled the quilt squares, and to Mary Gunson for graciously quilting all three pieces.

“Great is Thy faithfulness.”

Respectfully,

Carol Seaman



Motherhood Questionnaire

1. What is something motherhood revealed about you that you didn't know before?

Kristin Barry-Lynds – It has revealed to me how deeply loved I am. It has given me an appreciation for how much my parents love me and even greater, how much my Heavenly Father loves me.

Salina Rusnak – it has revealed a strength and resilience in me that I didn't know I had. There were seasons, especially with Carter's medical challenges, when I had to dig deeper than I ever thought possible. It also showed me that I could not do motherhood alone. I realized how deeply I needed the support of family, friends and the strength and guidance of God walking beside me. Through it all, motherhood taught me how much patience, faith, and love can grow through both joyful and uncertain moments.

Jodi Scheifley - it showed me that I'm way more patient than I thought... and also way more emotional. I feel everything more deeply now, in both the best and hardest ways.

Nikki Howell - it has revealed the parts of myself that still need the most work (because what usually bothers me most in my kids' behaviour is those things reflecting back at me!)

Shannon Moore – it has revealed to me that I have way more patience than I thought!!!

Lois Musselman - I had to go away back in time when I first became a mom. I realized that I had to let go of perfection. I still have to sometimes let go of my ideas and standards and let the kids do what they think is good for them as they look at projects and work. I learned to praise instead of criticize. Pray instead of worry. I still find it hard not to control the outcome but thank the Lord that all things work out for the good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. I don't like to see my kids/grandkids hurt by others. I learned I was quick to stand up for injustice and to nasty kids. I had to learn to let my kids fight their battles but step in when they needed me.

2. What's a moment you felt like, "Wow... I'm really someone's mom"?

Kristin Beery-Lynds - When Ollie was about 2 weeks old, it finally hit me that I was his mom. My mom graciously stayed with us for the first week of Ollie's life, which was such a blessing. When she left, and Nathan and I had about a week of being full time parents under our belts, it finally hit me that this wasn't just a Home Economics assignment or a long babysitting gig but I was a full on mom!

Salina Rusnak - I think one of the first moments was bringing Logan, our first son, home from the hospital and realizing this precious little life was entrusted to me. I sat in the back seat for weeks with him whenever we went somewhere. Another strong moment was during Carter's health struggles, when I knew I had to be his comfort, advocate, and steady presence from the first hour of his life and yet still be present and create familiarity and security for Logan. Those moments made motherhood feel very real.

Jodi Scheifley - Probably one of those random moments where they say "mom" out of nowhere or reach out to me when they're upset. It just hits that wow, I'm their person.

Nikki Howell - The first time someone introduced me as "Todd's mom" felt like an identity shift.

Shannon Moore - Definitely had a "Wow...I'm really someone's mom" moment when Madelyn was born. Holding her for the very first time. It was overwhelming and amazing all at once. I also remember looking at all my babies knowing they were previous gifts straight from God. I remember saying after having Madelyn, "How can somebody have a baby, and not believe in God." Then on the way out of the hospital, there was an older man with a grey beard holding a Bible who congratulated us and told us she was a gift from God.

Lois Musselman - I think that came easily when I had Greg. We were thrilled to have Him. I had a miscarriage before I got pregnant with Greg. Dave and I were blessed with our miracle boy as I was very ill for 7 years and we knew that God had given us a treasure. And then to be blessed with Stephanie 4 years later and then Natalie 2 years later. I loved being a mom.

3. What's one thing you're really proud of as a mom?

Kristen Barry-Lynds - I'm really proud of Ollie's dancing abilities. He's got the most unique and fluid arm movements that he breaks out when the music and atmosphere is just right.

Salina Rusnak - I am proud that I was able to home school my boys through their early school years. It was a gift to be so involved in their learning and growth. More than that, I'm proud that through every season—ordinary days and hard ones—I have tried to create a home where they feel loved, supported, and encouraged. I love being my boy's mom!

Jodi Scheifley - I'm so proud of the adults our kids have become—smart, loving, and grounded in their love for God. Watching their faith and character grow has been such a blessing.

Nikki Howell - I'm proud of how I disciple my kids to approach God's word with wonder and curiosity, especially living in a foreign culture without a lot of resources available

Shannon Moore - One thing that I'm really proud of as a mom would obviously be my kids. Proud is an understatement. They are the best! I see so much love, kindness, caring, curiosity, determination, and compassion in each of them. I love seeing their personalities and confidence grow. I strive to be the best mom I can be for them every day.

Lois Musselman - Really proud when I see my kids character and personalities. I love seeing our family's traits passed down from my parents, Dave's parents our grandparents and aunts and uncles. I love seeing how they all keep growing and developing who they are and their gifts. I am proud of our daughter-in-law Julie and sons-in-law Bruce and Chad as I see them blending with our kids and seeing them all grow spiritually. I am proud of our adult children (and spouses) how they parent and teach Godly principles and encourage their kids (our grandkids). I am proud of their many accomplishments. Excited to watch them as they journey thru life and its challenges and life's victories.

Bonus Question: Coffee in silence or cuddles with chaos?

Kristen Barry- Lynds - Ollie has just come around to cuddles so I'll take them any chance I get, even in chaos.

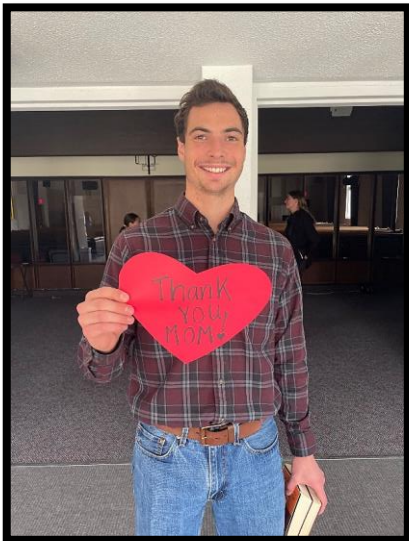
Jodi Scheifley - Cuddles with chaos, 100%. It's loud and messy, but those hugs and giggles make it all worth it.

Nikki Howell - I'm not a coffee person... but I'll take the silence... and the cuddles. But you can keep the chaos!



Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

1 Peter 3:4: "You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."



A mother is...one who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.

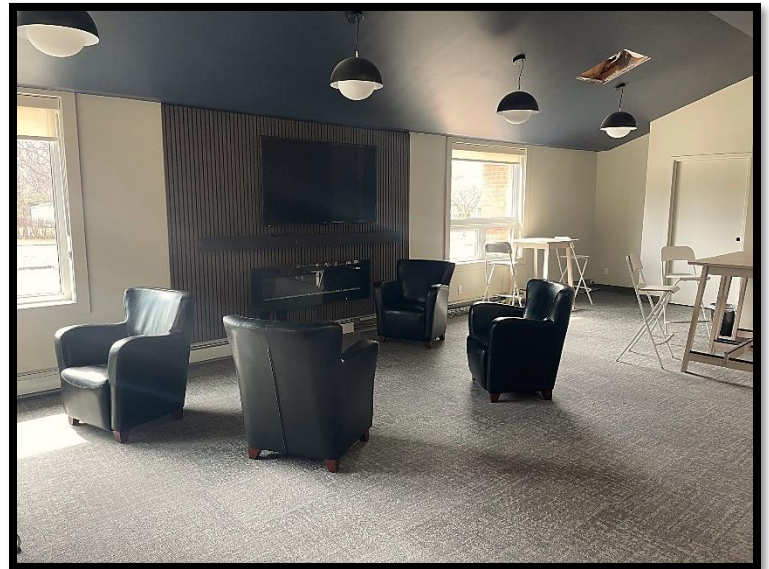
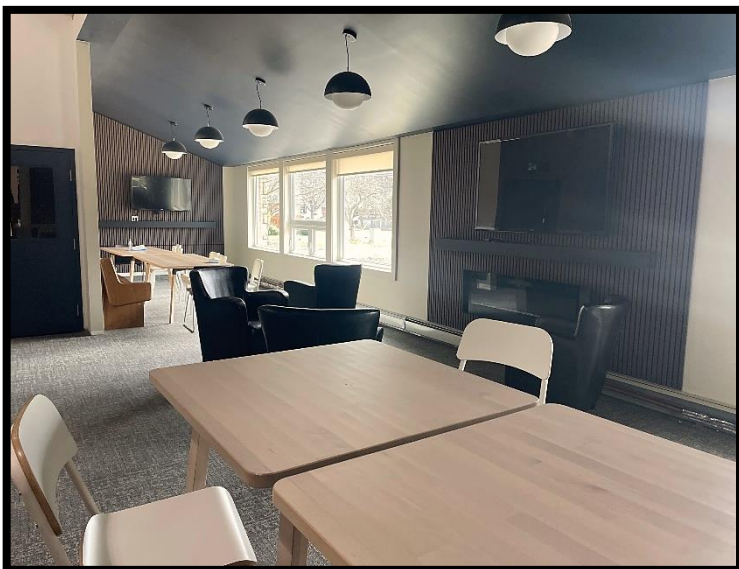
~ G. Mermillod

The Lounge

We hope you've had a chance to check out the new shared space, a place where people can gather for Bible studies, connect before and after services, and simply spend time together. It's been so encouraging to see it already being used throughout the week and on Sundays.

There are still a few finishing touches to come, including some work on the accessible washroom, but we invite you to stop by and make use of the space.

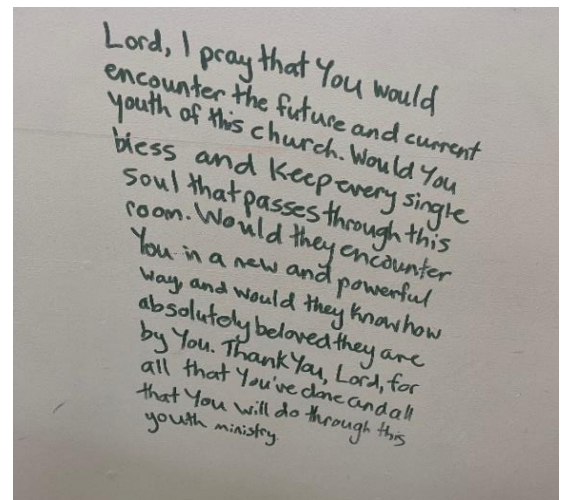
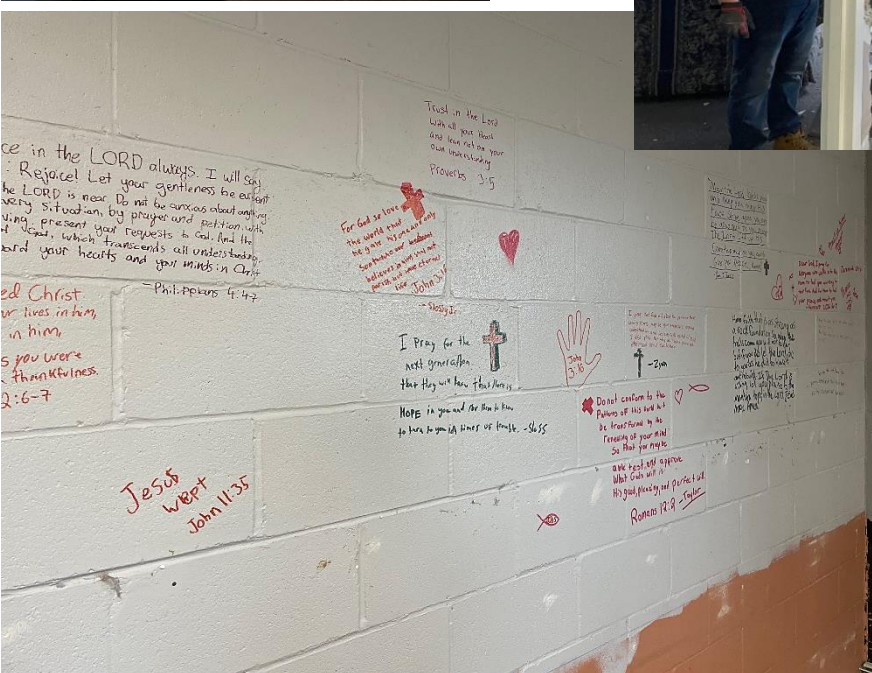
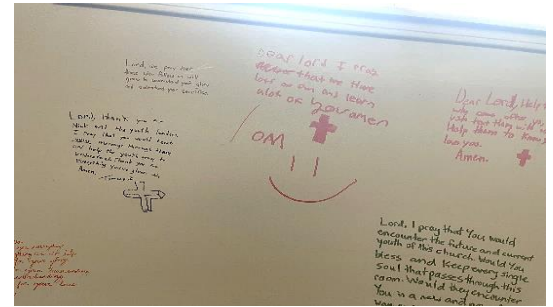
We're incredibly grateful for the many hands from OSAC volunteers, and tradespeople that helped move this project forward. It truly came together because of so many willing hearts. And others who generously gave of their time and support.



And if you haven't seen the downstairs washrooms yet, you're in for a surprise! Thank you Jim and Emily Wilson ☺

As you've likely noticed, we continue to make both small and large improvements throughout the church. The youth room is still under construction, but it's coming along beautifully. Before painting began, the youth were invited to write scripture verses, prayers, and words of encouragement on the walls blessings for all who will use the space in the future.

Please continue to pray for our church as these updates continue. We're so thankful for your patience and support through it all.



SUPPER 8 WAS BACK AGAIN THIS SPRING!

WHAT IS IT?

Small group of people gathering for a meal together.

PURPOSE?

To encourage hospitality and foster an environment to build new relationships.

Terri Tobin and Alyssa McIntosh praise God for the great opportunity that Supper 8 created for new connections and building community within the OSAC church family. We had 19 meals take place where hosts and guests gathered to share a meal and fellowship. We are encouraged to see people excited to build new friendships.

If you missed the opportunity to host or attend as a guest this time, we hope you'll join us for the next chance to connect.



OSAC ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE, BAPTISMS & PICNIC is soon approaching! Hope to see you **10am @ Kelso Beach June 14**. Please let us know at the office if you are interested in being baptized that day.

All are welcome to join us.

Happenings

WE NEED YOU

Together we can help offer positive alternatives to abortion. Your support helps us provide countless life saving services. Bring a bottle home and start a habit of generosity in your home.

Pick up your bottle: **Mother's Day**
Return your bottle: **Father's Day**

GREY BRUCE PREGNANCY CENTRE
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The Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre

Pick up your Baby Bottle on Mother's Day to support the Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre. Fill it with coins, bills and/or cheques (made payable to Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre). or give online through gbpreg.ca or etransfer – gbpregoffice@gmail.com Return it on Father's Day, June 21st. This is an important one-on-one ministry to mothers, fathers and babies in our community. The Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre does not receive any government funding and the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is one of the main sources of income.

OWEN SOUND ALLIANCE CHURCH

Anna Pyles Scholarship

For any student heading to a Christian College or University

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS BY JUNE 1

Anna Pyles Scholarship Fund

When the daughter of Rev. Franklin and Gay Pyles died at the age of 23 during their ministry here, a scholarship fund was set up in memory of Anna. This Fund is an endowment from which earned income from the investment is given as a scholarship to students who plan to attend a recognized Christian College or University. Any student wishing to apply for this scholarship can pick up an application from the church office. **Application deadline is June 1st**

TERMINAL VELOCITY

For all U and St. High Students in Owen Sound and Grey Bruce

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 TH (AT 05:00 PM TO 09:00 PM)

BLOCK PARTY / WORSHIP / SNACKS

Owen Sound Alliance Church
4407th Ave E, Owen Sound

Terminal Velocity - Friday June 5th

Calling all youth! The time has come to enter the airlock once again and battle your way through enemy onslaughts to become the TERMINAL VELOCITY Champion! This is a high intensity game of ping pong ball blasting and dodging. Youth of all churches come together to battle it out in the THUNDER DOME (Gym). There will be a block party with snacks, inflatables, crafts, and games. The night will conclude with a worship rally and message to all the youth. Don't miss out on this awesome community youth event!"

Registration now open online

New to OSAC Let's Connect!

Sunday, May 31
following the service
11:30 am in the lower Aud.

[Register on the Church Center App]

Let's Connect

Come and let us introduce ourselves! If you're new to OSAC within the past six months or if you've never attended one of our connection times, we warmly invite you to join us. Enjoy a casual meet-and-greet, a little treat, and a chance to receive helpful information and ask any questions you may have. Sun, May 31 @ 11:30am.

WORSHIP NIGHT

May 31st at 7pm

Worship with us

Join us on May 31 here at OSAC, for a special time of focused worship and prayer. Together, we will seek the Lord, His will for our lives, our church, and our families as we gather in His presence.

Come and fill this sanctuary with us as we lift our voices in reflection, worship, praise, and thanksgiving. All are welcome

Listening Prayer

"My sheep hear
my voice."

Come once, or
keep returning!

Scripture-based, experience-oriented open house
exploring how God speaks throughout the Bible and today.

1st Tuesday of every month
October - June

7-9pm
Conference Room

Let's grow in hearing God's voice by listening together.

Listening Prayer

Join us in the Conference Room, 7-9pm 1st Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. Learn more about how God speaks and practice listening together. Led by Heidi Lucas and the Listening Prayer lead team. No registration needed, just show up.

Vacation Bible Camp

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

JULY 20-24 | 9-11:30 AM | JK-GRADE 6 | REGISTER ONLINE

SUMMER VBS

Our FREE VBS is running July 20-24 and we'd love to have you come and see *What's Cooking!* We will have amazing music, games, crafts, activities, cooking classes, skits and more. Come tastes and see that the Lord is good! Our program runs 9-11:30am for kids going into SK to Grade 6. Register online at osac.churchcenter.com or email. kids.osac@gmail.com to volunteer.