
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 2017

Thank you to everyone who made our Lent and Easter a wonderful celebration of Christ's sacrifice and love for us. We served over 125 people each week for dinner and celebrated Easter with over 600 members and guests!

Special Thanks to:

- Brenda Nielsen and all the actors for our Lenten dramas
- Shannon Stuckey and all the musicians and singers
- Brass Quartet on Easter morning: Ellie Wilker, Megan Hietala, Morgan Eikanger, Lucy Sletta
- All those who set up and worked behind the scenes for lighting, cooking, cleaning, the Seder, setting up, taking down, serving communion, ushering, reading and participating.
- Becca Warta and the youth for caring for children during After Dinner Adventure.

We are the body of Christ working together to share his goodness in the world.
Easter Blessings to us all.

Pastor Deb

Wednesday Worship in Lent



Palm Sunday



Seder 2017



Maundy Thursday Worship 5th Grade Milestone



Easter



Resurrection Joy in a Fearful World

He is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Easter is upon us, and the Lent season behind us. What a beautiful season here at Our Savior's as each Wednesday evening we gathered to fellowship while eating; to sing Holden Evening Prayer; to hear God's word, reflect and pray together. We were well prepared for celebrating the first Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday; to reflect quietly on Jesus crucifixion at the Good Friday services; and to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning.

Bishop Dr, Munib Younan, President of the Lutheran World Federation preached "Resurrection Joy in a Fearful World" in his Easter message reminding us that "They could crucify Jesus, but they could not bury Jesus. They **could not bury God's love for the world.**" (lutheranworld.org).

Today's world may cause us to wonder if God's love has been buried in our world. The Easter promise refutes those thoughts yet we can have our doubts. And when we doubt, we have a choice in how we respond: harden our souls into cynicism OR to face it with mercy and grace.

Anne Lamott says that we are often tempted to allow anger and anxiety to take over our lives, and drive our actions because " Our self-centered fears whisper at us all day: our fear of exposure, of death, and that we will lose those we love most, that we will lose whatever advantage we hold, whatever meager gains we've made. " However, as God's children, we also have a great capacity for mercy and forgiveness.

Lamott continues "Mercy is radical kindness. Mercy means offering or being offered aid in desperate straits. Mercy is not deserved. It involves absolving the unabsolvable, forgiving the unforgivable. Mercy brings us to the miracle of apology, given and accepted, to unashamed humility when we have erred or forgotten."

Jesus was killed by fickle cynics who feared he would take away their power. Their souls were hardened. Jesus calls us to live out the Easter promise of hope in our actions of mercy, forgiveness and kindness with the goal of creating the compassion and peace he promised to leave with us.

Easter is the time for us to be active in our faith and spread Christ's joy and hope to those in need. May you trust Gods Easter promises, bring resurrection joy into our fearful world with kindness and mercy!



Ministry Focus

Thank you Volunteers!

The Apostle Paul in Romans writes, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, always serving the Lord." (Romans 12:11)

On Sunday, May 7th we will have a reception between services thanking those people that have volunteered their time and talents to help the services at Our Savior's flow smoothly. These are the Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Communion Servers, Bread Bakers, AV people, and those who take care of our Altar Linens.



God calls us to serve and all of these volunteers have served God by helping to make our sanctuary a holy place so that we can all experience our faith as a community.



Please know that we've done our best to include the names of ALL who have served, but due to the fact that there are those who so graciously step in at a moment's notice, we may have missed listing your name. You are appreciated!

Please come and enjoy a piece of cake and some fellowship as we honor those who volunteer.



Blessings and Peace,
The Deacon Ministry Team and the Staff of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Robert & MarySue Apitz
John Bergstrand
Andrew, Hannah, Isaac, Scott & Shelly Blumhoefer
Danielle Borchert
Carol Brennan
Paul Broste
Linda Brown
Keith Christopherson
Alexadra, Amy, Chris & Sophia Cooke
Delores Dobie
Robert Docherty

Volunteers continued.....

Sven & Jean Eelma
Carl Enck
Eloise Finstad
Carol Forsberg
Dennis Frederickson
Judy Ganske
Al & Judy Gramentz
Kathy Green
Cory Gudmonson
Tanja & Zach Hansen
Jennnifer & Randy Hauth
Annette Haynes
Kitty Hietala
Susan Hoban
James Hulke
Sharon Hulke
Deb Irmiter
Dennis Johnson
Ken Johnson
Jeff & LuAnn Julien
Tom & Deb Kaehler

Phyllis Kosbab
Joan Krikava
Jeff, Kari, Jen & Lexi Krosch
Aaron, Jen & Mia Lambrecht
Pat & Melanie Lang
Paul & Jen Lang
Hannah Larson
Beth Madsen
Bert Marth-Wohlfeil
Darlene Meier
Dyan Miller
Dale Nelson
Brenda Nielsen
Dennis & Sharon Nordby
Brett Olsen
Gaelan Piotter
Linda Postel
Kitty Rader
Orv & Barb Rannow
Maxine Remme
Pamela Riebe

Dean Risius
Mary Roach
Candy Roiger
Bill Rolloff
Brenda Ruch
Caryl Runck
JoAnn Saffert
Ted & Betty Sauers
James Schmidt
James & Katie Senske
Connor & Jason Steele
Erwin Steinke
Melissa, Parker & Madison
Sunderman
Amanda Thorson
Josh Thorson
Melissa Wick
Heidi Wilker
Patricia Young
Marlys Zetah
Timothy Zinniel

Parents, Leaders, Congregation

We want to hear from you about our Children, Youth and Family Ministries!
We want to plan for our Future as Followers of Jesus Christ.

We want to listen to your feedback and ideas about our ministry to Children, Youth and Families at Our Savior's. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts for next year's ministry plans.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the social hall to attend one of the following Focus Groups:

- **Wednesday April 19: 5:30 to 6:30: Elementary age parents (child care available, during supper hour) held in Upper Room**
- **Wednesday April 19: 7:30 to 8:30: Confirmation/High School parents (following a family confirmation event) held in Upper Room**
- **April 30 9:30 Elementary and preschool age parents (during Sunday School)held in multi- purpose room**
- **April 30 11:30 Leaders from ministry teams, council or members who wish to offer input-light meal served**

Marilyn Sharpe, an expert in the area of Children, Youth and Family Ministry and Pastor Deb will be facilitating the groups. Your church council will listen to her recommendations at the May council meeting, and move forward accordingly. Thank you for participating in this important work as we seek God's mission for us at Our Savior's in the area of faith formation for our children and families.

Council Update

Your church council met on April 6 and the following was discussed:

- Pastor Deb, Pastor Dave and Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart shared some ideas and information they received at the equipping congregation workshop in February.
- Pastor Deb and Marilyn Sharpe, and expert in the area of children, youth and family ministry will be meeting with parent focus groups to hear feedback and ideas about our ministry to children, youth and families at Our Savior's.
- The Council reviewed a letter from Becky Eikanger indicating she will be stepping back to a volunteer role as of June 18, 2017. The council accepted her resignation and will thank her in worship on June 18. A letter will be sent to the congregation after Easter.
- Our Savior's Will be sending our yearly donation to continue supporting Green Lake Bible Camp.
- Building & Grounds is continuing plans on updates to our sound system thanks to generous gifts from anonymous donors. The project is currently out for bids.
- Our Savior's received a thank you note from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod for our mission support this year.
- Basket auction, rent-a-kid service projects and "Adventures in Wilderness" dinner are underway in April to raise money for this Summer's Boundary Waters trip.

A Few of Our Favorite Hymns!

Over the next couple of weeks we will be voting on the favorite hymns of Our Savior's. There is a voting sheet on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary and there will also be an online option to vote. We will be singing the top results on April 30th in Worship. Join us in the fun of voting for your favorite hymns.

QR code below
Favorite Hymns Survey Monkey



Healing Service

Saturday, May 20

Join us at 5:30 Saturday, May 20 for a service of prayer and healing.

**CROP Hunger Walk –
Next Sunday, April 30th!
Join us and/or donate!**



The Brown County Area CROP Walk will be on Sunday, April 30th at 1 p.m. starting at the Putting

Green (1915 S. Valley Street) walking the bike trail. Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. Sign up to walk and/or donate! See the table in the social hall after Sunday services for more details.



**Wednesday Suppers
are back!!**

Suppers begin at 5:10

Childcare provided

Here's the menu:

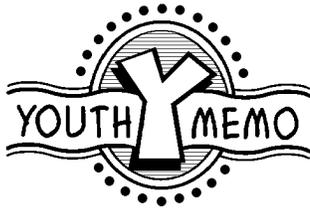
April 19 – Mixed up lasagna

April 26 – Pizza

May 3 – Taco in a bag

May 10 – Burgers and dogs on the grill

**Please come and enjoy supper
with your church friends!**



Last Dates of Programming:

Wednesday, May 10 – Last day of confirmation

Sunday, May 21 – High School Youth Group end of year gathering

Youth Lock-ins!

Junior High (6-8th grade) Friday, April 21, 6PM to Saturday, April 22, 10AM

Senior High (9-12th grade) Friday, May 12, 6PM to Saturday, May 13, 10AM

Jammin' Juniors Mystery Dinner

Sunday, April 30 – For 4-6th grade youth
Come to church to order and eat a MYSTERY meal while having a blast! Sign up on the youth board!

Jammin' Juniors Messy Game Night

Sunday, May 21 – For 4-6th grade youth
Come to church to play fun wacky games and get messy! Bring an ice cream topping to share!
Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!

Sunday School Calendar!

The end of our Sunday school year is fast approaching! Please see the following calendar and join us!

1. **Sunday school classes will meet each week from 9:25am – 10:15am** beginning in the Sanctuary and ending in classrooms! We will continue to Dig In to the life of Jesus with some great stories and activities!
2. **May 7th: 4th Grade Milestone** 8:15am receive your piggy bank 9:25am Class
3. **May 21st: 12th Grade Milestone** 8:15am receive your quilt and celebrate your LAST Milestone! If you have not received information about this Milestone, please contact Becky.
If you would like to be a greeter, lecture or communion server, please contact Becky.
4. **May 21st: Last Day of Sunday School!** We will meet as usual from 9:25-10:15am but today we will have a special ice cream social and outdoor games! If weather is not good, we will have an alternative activity inside!
5. **June 5-9th: 9:00-11:30am VBS training is for kids who have completed grades 6-12!** If you haven't signed up to be a VBS helper, please do! Forms are at church OR on the Our Savior's website: oursaviorslutherannewulm.weebly.com/
6. **June 12-16th: Maker Fun Factory VBS is for kids who have completed 3 year old preschool – grade 5!** Come and join the fun at the factory! It's always a BLAST!! If you need a registration, they are at church OR on the Our Savior's website: oursaviorslutherannewulm.weebly.com/

Thank you Notes

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and well-wishes after my heart surgery at Abbott. I guess my grandchildren said it best..."Get well soon, Grandpa, so you can get back to farming."

David Brandel

Thank you to friends and Pastor Deb and Pastor Dave of OSLC for the prayers, cards of comfort, and hugs after the passing of my mother, Martha. I am fortunate to belong to a caring congregation!

Karen Brandel

ANNOUNCEMENT for birth of twins!

There were many people that were so supportive of Michael Maki when he was sick 5 years ago, as well as Gary's directing of choir for many years – maybe some would be interested in the birth of Michael and Alyssa's twin girls, born February 22, 2017. Joelle 6 lbs 4 oz, Clara 4 lbs 11 oz.

Michael & Alyssa Maki
4015 White Bear Ave.
White Bear Lake MN 55110

Grandparents
Gary Maki and Mary Mauland

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:15 AM Worship - New Members Received 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Children, Youth, & Family Ministries Focus Group 10:30 AM Worship - New Members Received 11:30 AM Children, Youth, & Family Ministries Focus Group 5:00 PM Jammin Jr Mystery Dinner 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	1	2 5:15 PM Personnel Committee 5:30 PM Relay for Life	3 11:00 AM WELCA Board 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:10 PM Wednesday Supper! 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	4	5	6 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
7 NO High School Youth Group 8:15 AM Worship - 4th Grade Milestone 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	8 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	9 6:15 PM Missions Ministry Team 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	10 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:10 PM Wednesday Supper! 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	11 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle	12 Senior High Lock-In 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	13 Senior High Lock-In 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
14 Children's Choirs sing at both worship services NO High School Youth Group for Lock In 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	15	16 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	17 6:30 AM Men's Study Group 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir	18	19	20 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship - Service of Healing 6:00 PM High School Culture Keepers Meeting
21 8:15 AM Worship - 12th Grade Milestone 9:25 AM Sunday School - Last Day 9:30 AM Facilities/Grounds Team 10:30 AM Worship 4:00 PM Jammin' Juniors Messy Game Night (Re-scheduled from 3/12) 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	22	23 9:00 AM Mission Quilting Day	24	25	26	27 5:30 PM Worship
28 9 AM Worship	29	30 7:00 PM Church Council	31	1	2	3 5:30 PM Worship



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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 8:15 & 10:30 AM

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Regular Broadcasts

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Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

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OUR **SAVIOR'S** is a Welcoming
community, experiencing **God**,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ