



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
**Lutheran Church**  
NEW ULM, MN

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## **Worship Services**

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM  
Sunday worship – 8:15 & 10:30 AM  
Education Hour – 9:25 AM

## **Regular Broadcasts**

(Comcast Channel 14; NU Telecom Channel 3)  
Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

# SIDELITES

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

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# ***SIDELITES***

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***Our Savior's Lutheran Church***

***February 15, 2015***

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## ***We like to have fun here.***

Case in point: about 60 people, ranging in age from 2 to a gentleman wouldn't ask, gathered after worship on Saturday, January 31 to give thanks for and enjoy God's gifts of wild places and wild things at a Wild Game Potluck.

It was great fun. We opened with a devotion from Genesis 1 (God creates the fish, birds, animals and people, and gives people dominion over them.) After devotions, local taxidermist Pat Mehlhop discussed how he prepares & builds mounts, how he came to taxidermy and does business. On display were mounts and hides/pelts prepared both by Pat (check out the zebra!) and Doug Radloff.



After our great discussion of taxidermy and trophy hunting in the US and overseas, Tom Kaehler told us about his work with Isaac Walton gun safety training and Jim Hulke spoke about the New Ulm Sportfishermen's club and the value of getting young people into the outdoors.

Then it was time for table grace and dinner, where we shared dishes made with all sorts of things harvested in the wild (and more...tame...fare, to make sure dinner was kid-friendly). We had octopus cowboy beans, lots of wild rice and venison dishes, pheasant with morels, elk chili, bison, wild hog, salmon and, of course, fish from our own MN lakes.



After dinner we awarded door prizes (ask Bill and Sharon Hansen about their haul of goodies) and voted on the best dish. Ted and Betty Sauers won, with fish they fried in the kitchen during dinner.

Thank you to everyone who came and brought a dish (and who stayed to clean up after!). Special thanks to the Fellowship Events Team for making this event happen, as well as to Tom Kaehler, Jim Hulke and the Radloff and Mehlhop families for the excellent presentations and displays. Anyone who wants to win the Feed Me Fast Spoon of Deliciousness from Ted & Betty can do so by bringing a dish to the next Wild Game Potluck.

# Ministry Focus

## Our Savior's Annual Meeting

The 2105 Annual meeting was held on February 1 at Our Savior's. Seventy-eight people were in attendance. Pastor Deb began with a "Thank You" devotion. Folks shared what they are thankful for at Our Savior's: our Pastors; our great music program with Gary and Shannon; our new custodian; our strong programs for youth and children; our volunteers; our hard working administrative folks in the office: Lynda Bauer and JoEllen Tessmer; the financial gifts of many people.

Bob Apitz presented the slate of new board members for election. The position of Vice President has not been filled. The council will be responsible to appoint a Vice President, and Tom Kaehler is willing to assist until a new VP is identified. Please pray for the right person to feel called to serve in this important leadership capacity.

Linda Heine shared that a task force is working to update our constitution. As part of this work, our leadership structure is being reviewed. More information will be available in the future as the work proceeds.

Out-going Treasurer Bob Gruenhagen presented the 2015 budget. The congregation will need to increase giving to the operating fund by approximately 10% for the 2015 year, due to increased expenses in health care, utilities and building maintenance. The building fund is in good shape. The proposed budget passed unanimously.

Thank you to all those who served this year and who were elected to serve in the future. Annual reports are available in the social hall and/or church office. Please read your report!

Pastor Deb



The following people were elected to serve Our Savior's at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2015:

Congregational President	Brett Olsen
Congregational Vice-Pres.	Open*
Council Secretary	Maxine Remme
Treasurer	Scott Blumhoefer
Board of Deacons	Sven Eelma
Board of Deacons	Michael Bornhoft
Board of Education	Nicole Hubert
Board of Education	Katie Krenz
Board of Fellowship	George & Karyl Putnam
Board of Fellowship	Dale & Lois Aufderheide
Board of Fellowship	Eric & Patti Gramentz
Board of Missions	Jen Lang
Board of Missions	Sarah Spoon
Board of Stewardship	Becca Warta
Board of Stewardship	Jean Eelma
Board of Stewardship	Annette Reker
Board of Trustees	Mert Gustad
Board of Trustees	Jim Senske
Board of Youth	Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart
Board of Youth	Dan Horsmon
Board of Youth	Rose Dobie
Board of Youth	Morgan Eikanger
Board of Youth	Madison Sunderman
Board of Youth	Caitlyn Drill
Youth Rep. to Council	Alex Lund
Nominating Committee	Bob Apitz
Nominating Committee	Nicole Anderson
Nominating Committee	Jeff Hohensee
Nominating Committee	Annette Haynes
Nominating Committee	Ashley Rasche

\*Church Council to fill

**All Board Members! Mark your calendars for the March 7 All Board Meeting from 9 am to noon.**

**ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**February 18 – Noon & 7 PM**  
**Services at Our Savior's**



*Mid-week Lenten*  
*Worship – 6:45 p.m.*  
*Lenten Soup*  
*Suppers – 5:00 p.m.*

Our worship theme this  
Lenten season:



We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings, Feb. 25 through March 25 at 6:45 for Mid-Week Lenten Services.

**Children's Choirs of**  
**Our Savior's will be**  
**presenting a musical...**

**Me Oh My Oh Nehemiah!**

On the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the children's choirs of Our Savior's will be sharing the story of Nehemiah with the congregation during our Saturday and Sunday worship services.

Nehemiah was a man that cared deeply for his people and knew in his heart that he had to do something about the pain and suffering that was happening to the Jewish people in Jerusalem. This is the story of how Nehemiah overcame many obstacles to restore the walls of Jerusalem and brought his people back to God.

The choirs are having a lot of fun learning the songs and dances, but we've also learned that the real problem was not the destroyed walls around the city. God's people had been unfaithful and had neglected their relationship with God. The Wall was a visual reminder of that and Nehemiah gave the people hope and brought them back to their faith.

Please come and see our children teach us all some important lessons.



## Basket Auction Donations

It is that time of year again! Coming up in the spring the youth will be conducting

their **2015 Basket Auction** to raise money for our Summer Trip to Detroit!



If you would like to donate a basket, please bring it by Zach's office! Thanks!

**Basket Auction Dates:**  
**March 21/22 & 28/29**

## Sr. High Youth Gathering

**March 6-7, 2015.** Registration due February 15! Cost \$45 per person. 9-12 Grade Youth!!

## Acquire the Fire

We return to this amazing event this year on **March 13-14, 2015!** This year's event is at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN. Registration due March 1! Cost \$30 per person. 9-12 Grade Youth!!

## Vogel Family Fun Day!!

**Sunday, February 22, 2015.**

**Cost is - - Free!**



Basketball, Gym Games, Cards, Board Games, Swimming, food from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Walleyball from 2:00-4:00 p.m.! All ages welcome!!!

## Jammin' Juniors' Messy Game Night!!

**Sunday, March 15 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. at church!!** Everyone bring an ice cream topping for ice cream sundaes!

### OSLC at the MN Wild (hockey)

OSLC has reserved tickets to the **MN Wild hockey game in St. Paul, MN, on Friday, March 27th. Tickets cost \$40 each.**

Reservation/Permission forms can be found on the big bulletin board in the Social Hall or on the Youth Bulletin Board. We will carpool to this event, leaving at 3:30pm. If you can drive for a carpool, please contact Pr John or Zach Hansen as soon as possible.



## UPCOMING EVENTS in SUNDAY SCHOOL:

**February 25<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> grade Milestone**

for students and parents:

**6:00pm** Upper Room class/**6:45pm** worship

**March 1<sup>st</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> grade Milestone**

for students and parents:

**9:25am** Upper Room faith panel/**10:30am** worship

**March 11, 18, 25:** First Communion classes for grade 5 at **5:30pm** in Upper Room. Come early and eat supper here!

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Fifth Grade Seder Supper at **5:00pm** in social hall and

First Communion Worship at **7:00pm!**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** No Sunday School! Happy Easter!

# Fifth Grade Milestone First Communion Classes are Coming Soon!



In March, the fifth graders will begin preparing for their Milestone: First Communion! This is a very exciting time, and we are looking forward to completing this extra special Milestone!

- **Required classes for students and parents are held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm in the Upper Room.** Please plan to come a little early and eat Lenten suppers held here each week.
- **Maundy Thursday First Communion celebration on April 2<sup>nd</sup>!**  
The Seder Supper for students and family members will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm.  
Maundy Thursday worship with First Communion will take place at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.  
Parents will be receiving a letter with more information.
- **If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above and have not had First Communion classes**, you are welcome to join this class! Please call or email Becky as soon as possible to receive more information. Thank you!

If you have any questions regarding First Communion, please contact Becky Eikanger [becky@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:becky@oursaviorsnewulm.org) or 233-4435. Thank you!

## Announcement:

ANNIVERSARY Celebration  
Shannon: 15 year Anniversary  
JoEllen: 17 year Anniversary  
Please come and celebrate Shannon and JoEllen March 15 between services for their faithful service to Our Savior's. Cake and Coffee. A basket will be available for your cards of thanks.



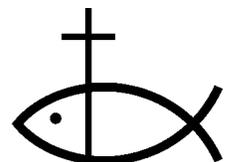
Pastor Deb and  
The Personnel Committee



**If weather is in question, please listen to KNUJ, Z99, or WCCO radio for cancellations and postponements.** The church council has determined that as a congregation we will follow weather and travel recommendations. For midweek classes and programs, we'll follow the lead of the public schools. If ISD 88 dismisses early, choirs and confirmation will not meet.

**DONATIONS TO OUR SAVIORS:** If you would like to give a gift to Our Saviors of any items, PLEASE CALL AND ASK IF THE CHURCH NEEDS THE ITEMS. Recently a number of items have been dropped off at church. Although we are thankful for the generosity, please call the office or a staff member to be sure there is space or a need for the item. Thank you for helping us with this matter, as we have limited storage space.

**Luther Memorial Home Annual Meeting – February 24, 2015:** Our Savior's is allowed to send two delegates on behalf of our congregation to this annual meeting. **If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor John for further information.**



# Lenten Reflections

Thursdays, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
through March 26<sup>th</sup>  
12:00—12:20 PM

You are invited to  
A time of quiet  
wonder in a  
warm sanctuary  
Thursdays at  
noon during the  
Lenten Season  
Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church  
1400 S State St



During the Lenten Season, the sanctuary at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in New Ulm will be open from 12 to 12:20 p.m. for a time of quiet reflection.

Our hope is that anyone who would like a moment of solace from their busy lives will come to our place of worship and hear some comforting music to sooth their soul.

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**Newsletter Deadline:** The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes March 22. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by 3 p.m. March 12. Thank you.

# THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to all who made the First Annual Game Feed a success. Congratulations to Ted & Betty Sauers – voted “the best fish”.  
Fellowship Committee

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

The gift of the prayer shawl that you sent to me was a total surprise and words cannot express the comfort it brought to me. To know that so many Brothers and Sisters in Christ are saying prayers for me and asking that I heal to a full recovery is truly a gift from God. I want to send a huge “Thank You” to everyone at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for your prayers, compassion, and faith that our Heavenly Father does hear our prayers. May you all enjoy God's blessings.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Arlyce Diddy (mother of Shilo Melendez)

Thank you to the crew of volunteers who helped put the annual report booklets together.



**Free Heart Health Screenings are here again!**

Community screenings are open to all adults age 18 and older who live or work in the 56073 zip code:

- Every Friday in February and March  
6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at New Ulm Medical Center

Pre-register now to ensure your spot!  
Register online at [www.heartsbeatback.org](http://www.heartsbeatback.org)  
or call 507.217.5945.

Allow 20–30 minutes for your screening appointment; walk-ins may take longer.

We need everyone's participation in our research study – a very important tool in helping us monitor how healthy the New Ulm community is overall!

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