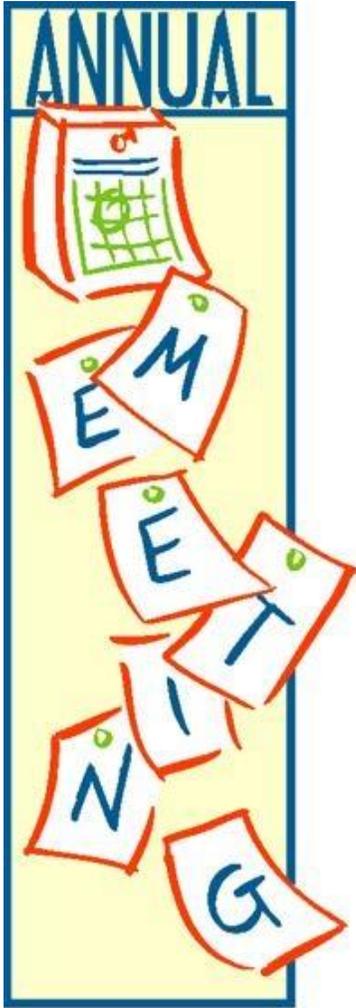

SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

January 2021



***The Annual Meeting
of the Congregation of
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
will be held Sunday,
February 7, 2021 following worship.***

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Seventy-five voting members shall constitute a quorum. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

Copies of the 2020 Congregational Annual Report will be available in the social hall by February 3, 2021.

**Ministry Team Members and Leaders...
Thank you for serving!**

Thank you to all those members who served in 2020. This year has presented unique challenges to our congregation, and your willingness to serve and participate in ministry through your leadership has made a huge difference! Thank you for sharing your gifts with Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



The Cradle of Christ



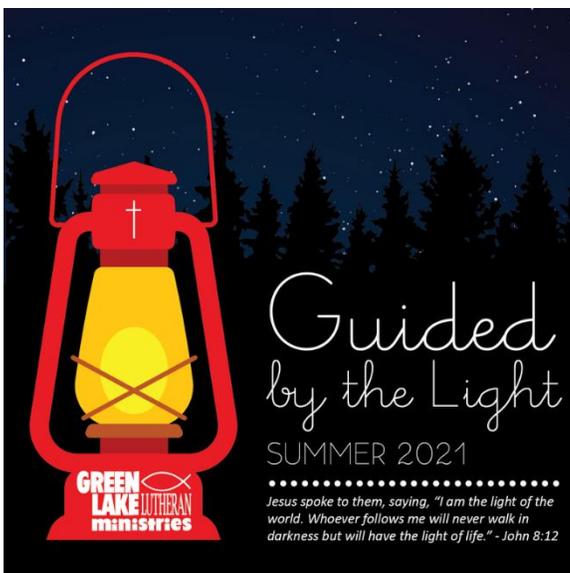
Martin Luther called scripture the cradle of Christ. This means that all of scripture points us to Jesus Christ. We come to know Jesus through scripture, and we come to know God through Jesus. Scripture is important, for this is where God is revealed. Throughout this school year we are doing an overview of the bible to help each of us strengthen our relationship with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have just completed a walkthrough of the Old

Testament in worship. I hope you gained new insight for living your faith in the familiar stories, and discovered unexpected and surprising insight for your faith from the stories and characters that weren't so familiar. I hope you have grown in your faith as you came to see how people like Abraham, Moses, Esther, Ruth and the prophets still speak to us today.

After Christmas, we begin studying the life of Jesus. We begin with two stories from Luke and then will spend January 10th – April 4th (Easter) going through the Gospel of Mark. Pastor Dave and I think it will be helpful to go through one entire Gospel as we lead up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In preparation, you may find it helpful to read through the Gospel of Mark yourself in these early months of 2021. A good resource for studying Mark and all scripture is www.enterthebible.org. This website is from Luther Seminary and is a guide to help you grow in your faith and study the bible. There are maps, timelines, and specific helps for each book of the bible.

As we study scripture, listen to sermons, and worship together, we grow in our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and what it means to be the church. As we turn the calendar to 2021, we know from scripture that God has a mission for us (Mark 12:30-31): Jesus said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." In 2021, as the people of Our Savior's, we are called to grow together in our understanding of our mission to love God and love our neighbor. As we continue our journey through scripture, may we be open to how God is speaking to us to live out our mission in our home, church, community and world.

Pastor Kathy



GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP July 18th – July 23rd (Week 5)

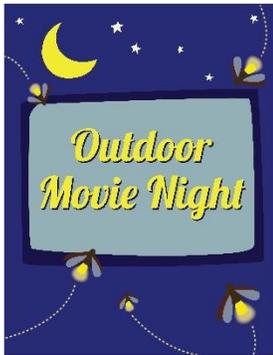
1st – 12th Grade. Options available for all ages.
Watch for more information to come in January!



Vacation Bible School 2021: June 14th - June 18th, 2021. Save the date!

Confirmation

We will again be gathering in January for Confirmation! Whether it is in person, or on Zoom, we will find a way to connect and learn about our faith. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page and on our website (there is a page under Children, Youth, and Education that has updates about confirmation). See you all in January!



Outdoor Movies

Pastor Dave, the Adult Ministry Team, and the Youth Ministry Team are working on opportunities for an outdoor movie in January. If you know of someone with an outdoor movie projector, please get in touch with Pastor Dave, as we are trying to find options that would work. We would be gathering in the back parking lot and using speakers, plus our FM Transmitter, so that we can watch a movie together in our cars. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Dave. Keep watch for other announcements of what movies we will be screening, and when we can gather to enjoy them!

Boundary Waters Update

This coming summer, **July 25 – 30, 2021**, we will be going to the Boundary Waters with Wilderness Canoe Base! This trip will be an awesome chance to grow closer to God, closer to each other, get out into creation after a stressful year, and enjoy the unbelievable beauty of northern Minnesota! Registration Sheets will be available in mid-January, and they will also be mailed out to all student's families that are in the age range of 7-12 grade (having completed those grades by summer 2021). Get excited for this incredible opportunity!



Church leadership and Ministry Team reports to be included in the 2020 Annual Report are due **no later than Monday, January 4th**. Reports may be dropped off in the church office, or emailed to Jen at jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



On November 8, 2020, we welcomed the newest members of Our Savior's!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:



Ron Anderson



Randy, Chandra,
Gracie, Gavin & Greta Baker



Josh Friesner, Amie Holkesvig,
Cory & Ella Friesner



Matt, Jen & Adam Geiger



Jeremy, Becky,
Ethan & Evan Lang



Robbe, Christy,
Kari & Brody Nessler



Nate, Jessica,
Colton & Sawyer Osborne



Trevor, Katie,
Connor & Cullen Slette



Sarah Steffl & Savanna Hedlund

Not pictured: Gary Trimnell



SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD, ELCA

Bishop Election 2021

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod will be electing a Bishop at the Synod Assembly on June 11-13, 2021.

The letter to the congregation explaining this process began with words from the Synod mission statement: "Together we have what we need." Please pray for our Synod and this process that the Holy Spirit would lift up a bishop with all of the gifts and skills needed as we move forward. Bishop Jon Anderson will not be a candidate. Congregations and individuals may nominate people to serve as bishop. Names must be submitted prior to February 15, 2021. Conference Assemblies may submit names to the Bishop Election Committee until March 25, 2021. At the Synod Assembly, voting members will officially nominate by ecclesiastical ballot any ELCA pastor in good standing. Further information on this election and how to nominate someone is available on the Synod website: www.swmnelca.org and also available in the church office.

With GRATITUDE

Thank you to Pastor Kathy, Pastor Dave and the congregation for your prayers and cards. It is very much appreciated. Thanks again and a blessed Christmas season to each and every one.

- Dixie Flitter

Thanks to the staff for continuing our online church service. Thank you to "whoever" decorated the alter and back-drop for Christmas – Beautiful! Thank you to Kevin for your voice and sharing it with us! The solo was wonderful & so time appropriate.

- Jean Anderson

We wish all of you a Blessed Thanksgiving. We miss not being able to worship in church each Sunday but are thankful we can join Facebook worship. Thank you all for all you are doing during this difficult time.

- Sharon & Dennis Nordby

A Blessed Christmas to the outstanding staff at OSLC. We want you all to know how much we appreciate your efforts in continuing to bring God's Word to all of us during the pandemic. Not the same as being in church Sunday mornings, but watching on Facebook is the next best thing.

You all do a great job and we are very blessed to have each and every one of you. Thanks again!

- Tom & Charlene Weilage

Although they are short and few, this brings the warmest thanks to you – Missions donation of \$500.00.

- Brad A Kirk, Executive Director, New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day - Church Office Closed	2
3 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall	4 Annual Reports Due	5 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	6 5:30 PM Adult Handbells	7 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	8	9
10 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall	11	12 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	13 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 10:30 AM NU Ministerial Mtg 5:30 PM Adult Handbells	14	15	16
17 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall	18 ASIST Training Sidelites Deadline	19 ASIST Training 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	20 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Adult Handbells	21 9:30 AM Conference Rostered Leaders	22	23
24 Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall	25	26 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting	27 5:30 PM Adult Handbells	28	29	30
31 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall	1	2	3	4	5	6



The OSLC Church Office will be closed on **Friday, January 1st** for New Year's Day.

OFFICE HOURS



Church Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs.: 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

Items to be included in the next edition of Sidelites are due by **January 18th!** Announcement pieces must be received no later than each Wednesday at noon. Email your news to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



NEW YEAR'S NOISE- MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!

“STEP”

INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.

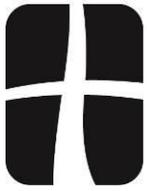


What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



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Indoor Worship

Sunday worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30 AM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

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OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming

community, experiencing God,

reaching out and raising up followers of

Jesus Christ