
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2017

Springing into summer at Our Savior's

May is a beautiful month of lilacs blossoms, blooming tulips, and fresh shades of green gracing our winter weary trees. As the beauty of new life emerges, we too come alive with more energy, excited to be outside enjoying God's wonderful creation.



Here at Our Savior's we celebrate our graduates, say goodbye to choirs, Sunday school, confirmation and Bible studies for the summer months. A well-deserved break will ensure we return to these activities refreshed next fall.

Looking back on the 2016-17 program year, we have much to celebrate. In June 2016, your church council began a strategic planning process to prioritize their work, and set goals for the future. Here's a quick recap of the goals that have been set, and key accomplishments.

GOAL 1: Grow Disciples of Christ by engaging Adults (20-55) more deeply in congregational life at Our Savior's
Accomplishments:

- Holy Grounds coffee on Sundays gathers many for fellowship
- New seating area encourages conversations
- Wednesday meals feed 50 to 100+ adults and children
- Focus Group listening project in process for Children/Youth/Family ministry planning

GOAL 2: Communicate to congregation how their financial gifts impact mission at Our Savior's

Accomplishments:

- November 2016 Stewardship campaign and temple talks
- Winter 2017 Temple talks on financial situation
- New Member Stewardship Brochure
- Monthly Year to Date Financial updates begun May 2017

GOAL 3: Assess and plan for facility needs over next five years

Accomplishments:

- Building and Grounds Team at work on plan
- Sound system for Sanctuary project in active planning with \$35,000 in designated memorial funds. Goal for fall 2017 installation

GOAL 4: Train Leaders for effective teamwork

Accomplishments:

- February Leadership Training
- Video Leadership Training distributed via email

I am so thankful for all the leaders and volunteers who have faithfully worked on these goals and planned for Our Savior's future. I am thankful for the generosity of so many who give of their time and their finances to support our work together in Christ, We are all ministers of God's Word, called to work together assured in Jesus' promise to be with us always.

Please keep praying and participating in God's good work here at Our Savior's this summer as we seek to follow Jesus' mission for us. See you in church! Pastor Deb

Ministry Focus

Congratulations Class of 2017!

**12th Grade Milestone at Our Savior's May 21, 2017
8:15 Worship**



Please continue to pray for this fine group of young women and men as they embark on their next adventure.

Jill Beranek
Dakota Berbrich
Andrew Blumhoefer
Taylor Booth
Emma Bute
Robert Christensen, Jr.
Mackenzie Depew
Claire Dobie
Rose Dobie
Samuel Dobie
Caitlyn Drill
Alex Glowacki
Megan Hietala
Ellie Hohensee

Mason Iles
Elexis Johnson
Makenna Kluis
Colin Leuthold
Alexander Lund
Sabrina Martin
Michael Messenger
Courtney Nielsen
Sydney Oelberg
Meleah Reinhart
Isaac Schweiss
Kaylyn Severin
Sicily Trullinger



It's never too late to join us for Maker Fun Factory VBS/Day Camp!

Our Savior's Vacation Bible School/Day Camp
Completed 3 yr. old preschool – grade 12!
June 12-16, 2017

Times:

- 9:00am – 12:00pm: completed 3 year old Preschool – completed grade 1.
- 9:00am – 2:00pm: completed grades 2 – 5: **Bring a sack lunch and drink each day.**
- 8:30am – 12:00pm: completed 6th graders will be youth helpers for our little ones. **Bring lunch!**
- 12:00pm – 2:00pm: completed 6th graders will become day campers for the afternoon.
- 8:30am-2:30pm: completed 7-12th graders will be youth leaders for vbs/day camp. **Bring lunch!**

Cost: \$25.00 per child OR \$60.00 per family. Make checks payable to OSLC.

Other important dates:

June 6-8th: 9-11:30a Important VBS training for completed 6th – 12th graders at church.

Registrations for children and youth leaders can be found on our website OR at church OR, if viewing via email, click the link below!

[Maker Fun Factory registration for children and youth leaders](#)

Come join the fun!



This past fall, we learned that we are better together. And now, we continue in that same vein; adding to our congregation. A couple of weeks ago we welcomed new members to Our Savior's. This is part of the calling that Christ commands in Matthew 28, when he tells his disciples, "Go! Make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Let's welcome our new members and invite them into the mission that we share. Sharing the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ with all of the world.

Amber DeSaer Mike Lieb Jim & Dinah Skalicky Leslie Bianchi & Craig Lund
Jay & Sara Gostonczik & their children, Alexis & Zachary
Sean & Laura Wachsmuth & their children, Edward, Ella & Everett



Amber DeSaer & Ryan Pool



Jim & Dinah Skalicky



*Sean & Laura Wachsmuth,
Edward, Ella & Everett*



*Jay & Sara Gostonczik,
Alexis & Zachary*



Greetings from Marlys Johnson

Marlys Johnson was an active member of Our Savior's for over 50 years. She and her husband Bob were the church treasurers most of that time. She is 91 years old and has lived in Elk River near her daughter since 2008. I recently visited Marlys, and she had many great memories of Our Saviors. Marlys is strong in her faith, and wanted me to express her love and gratitude to the congregation. Here is a photo of her and her daughter Jini, who is also an accountant!





Every year we honor the 6th graders of the Our Savior's Children's Choirs by presenting them with their very own, embossed hymnal.

These young people have memorized many anthems and hymns during their time in choir, learned liturgies and have spread the Gospel by presenting wonderful musicals each year. Some of these 6th graders have been in choir since Kindergarten! Their involvement in the children's choirs has meant that they have been strong worship leaders and I couldn't be more proud of them.

The 6th Graders honored are:

Anabelle Melendez
Emma Radloff
Addison Rustin
Katie Wilker



Learning Hymns

Throughout their years in choir the children are singing hymns. At almost every rehearsal, excluding musical rehearsals, we sing through 3 – 4 hymns, some familiar and some not so familiar. In their early years I teach the kids how to use a hymnal, looking up hymn numbers and how to follow along, so after 3 – 4 years they definitely have some favorites.

My goal is for the children to be familiar with the hymnal and be able to sing at least the first verse of 15 hymns by heart. When they feel ready, they sing the memorized hymn for me. If they aren't comfortable singing by themselves, they can sing with a friend. This year three of the 6th Graders reached the goal of 15 hymns and will receive a song book called *Worship and Praise*.

They are: Emma Radloff, Addison Rustin and Katie Wilker

Shannon Stuckey



WORSHIP TIMES

Our Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 28!

Saturday evenings at 5:30

Sunday mornings at 9:00



A note from Heart to Home Furnishings

We are currently most in need of slightly used but in good condition:

Single (twin) and full sized mattresses and box springs as well as bedding, pillows, and bed frames for those sizes of beds.

We are also needing dressers, chests of drawers, night stands, lamps and end tables.

We are a bit overstocked with sofas and side chairs at present. We could use some additional kitchen tables and chairs.

If you have any questions about Heart to Home Furnishings, please contact me at 507-766-3241 or Steve Schneider at 507-382-1478

Dick Embacher and Steve Schneider
Heart to Home Furnishings

CROP WALK

"We walk because they walk."

Thank you to all who donated to the CROP Hunger Walk. Through personal donations and the noisy offering, a total of \$861.72 was raised from Our Saviors! Several of our local churches were involved in the walk that took place on April 30th.

Sponsored by Church World Service, it is a ministry that provides assistance to avert hunger and poverty – through water source development, disaster relief, and education in gardening and farming in the U.S. and throughout the world. 25% of the money donated is being given to our local food shelf.

Our Savior's Mission Ministry Team



Boundary Waters 2017 CANOE TRIP

Next meeting: Sunday, June 11

10am at church

Camp 2017 Dates

June 18-23: Sugar Creek Bible Camp (9-12 grade)

June 25-30: Green Lake Bible Camp (2-8 grade)

July 30-August 4: Boundary Waters Canoe Trip (7-12 grade)

Please pray for all our youth attending these camps. Pray that it will be a safe time, where they can have fun and learn more about our amazing God!

Please congratulate and pray for Madison Sunderman and Hannah Nelsen, who will be working at Green Lake Bible Camp this summer. Madison will be a high school counselor at Green Lake, Hannah at



Shores as the Health Aid. Pray that God is with them during their summer of camp ministry that can be very rewarding, but also physically and emotionally taxing at the same time, and pray that God uses them for God's amazing ministry this summer!

In and Beyond Our Community...

Bernadotte Lutheran's Annual WELCA Pie & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 7 from 5:30-8:00 PM

Bernadotte Lutheran Church

Pie social menu: cold ham sandwiches, hot turkey sandwiches, pie, cake & ice cream, coffee, lemonade, milk

Featuring music from the Lafayette City Band (In case of bad weather, event will be held indoors.)

Swedefest family fun festival! (23rd Annual!)

Saturday, June 24 from 4:00-8:00 PM

Bernadotte Lutheran Church Park

6 miles east of Lafayette, MN

34122 515th Ave (CO RD 10)

Great Entertainment; Silent Auction, Horse-drawn Wagon Rides, Kids Activities, Closing Devotions Mid-Summer Picnic – serving 4pm-7pm

Riblet sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit, chips, bars, beverages. For more information, go to

www.fields-of-grace.org

Please Feed the Food Shelf barrel

(located outside the church office)

These donations are delivered to the New Ulm Area Food Shelf on a weekly basis. Thank you for your donations!



"Soles4Souls" a nationally known non-profit that specializes in distributing footwear to 3rd world countries is **seeking citizens of New Ulm and the surrounding area** to travel to **TANZANIA March 13-27, 2018 – Humanitarian and Service Project Trip Informational Meeting** - June 1 – Turner Hall Dutch Room – 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Coordinator: Kara Carlson 276-5909
Kara.carlson@usa.net

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Thank you to friends and Pastor Deb and Pastor Dave for the prayers and cards and especially for the colorful prayer shawl I received after my surgery for two knee replacements which are working great. It's wonderful that we have doctors, nurses, and therapists that can do this kind of work. Thank you all.

Ken Johnson

Thank you to our church family for all the prayers, cards, hugs and support following the death of my mom, Bonnie Cashatt. Thank you to Pastor Deb and Pastor Dave for your prayers, visits and support. Thank you to the Cards of Caring group for remembering mom with beautiful cards. Thank you to the Fellowship Ministry Team for all the times you reached out to shut-ins, including my mom, on behalf of Our Savior's.

JoEllen Tessmer & family

Thank you to all who made the Wednesday suppers at Our Savior's such a success! Your time spent purchasing, preparing and serving was much appreciated. Thank you for providing this opportunity for great fellowship!



Thank you to the Holy Grounds coffee servers! Cup after cup, always greeting everyone with a smile each Sunday morning; you've done a fantastic job of serving at

Our Savior's. Thank you very much!

Thank you for the prayer shawl, prayers, and visit from Pastor Deb after my recent surgery. It was really appreciated.

Tom Andryk

Quilt Auction

Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer
July 21st & 22nd

Friday evening

Enjoy live bluegrass music from Cedar Creek and supper from 5:00-7:00. You can also review the quilts for \$3.00 from 5:00-8:00. During the quilt review there will also be a silent auction.

Saturday is the big day!

The quilt review will be from 9:00-10:30 for \$3.00. The silent auction will continue during the quilt review from 9:00-10:30. A smoked pork lunch will be served from 10:45-1:00. The live auction begins at 11:30.

Live Bidding

If you can't make it to the auction, we also have live bidding at www.gllm.org

Guitar sessions

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play guitar? This summer we'll be having some introductory lessons on how to play guitar.



Shannon will start with the beginners and Zach will work with the more intermediate players starting on Wednesday, June 7th. We will meet in the choir room at 3:00 p.m. on June 7th, and 14th and July 12th and 26th. Bring your guitar!

April 2017 Offerings vs Budget Needs

	Total April Offerings	Monthly Budget Needs	Prior Year April Offerings
General	45,869.72	41,610.92	32,814.92
Building	6,155.58	6,247.25	8,214.69
	Total Y-T-D Offerings	Y-T-D Budget Needs	Prior Year YTD Offerings
General	163,509.89	166,443.68	148,767.90
Building	23,435.39	24,989.00	29,833.75

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting	2	3 5:30 PM Worship
4 9:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	5 VBS Training	6 VBS Training 5:15 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	7 VBS Training 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:00 PM Guitar Sessions	8 VBS Training	9 2017 Synod Assembly VBS Deco 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	10 VBS Deco 5:30 PM Worship
11 VBS Deco 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Boundary Waters Meeting	12 VBS 2017 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	13 VBS 2017 6:15 PM Missions Ministry Team	14 VBS 2017 9:00 AM Cards of Caring- 1317 Southridge Rd 3:00 PM Guitar Sessions	15 VBS 2017	16 VBS 2017	17 Remme Wedding 5:30 PM Worship
18 Sugar Creek Bible Camp 9:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Facilities/Grounds Team	19 Sugar Creek Bible Camp	20 Sugar Creek Bible Camp 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	21 Sugar Creek Bible Camp 6:30 AM Men's Study Group	22 Sugar Creek Bible Camp	23 Sugar Creek Bible Camp	24 5:30 PM Worship
25 Green Lake Bible Camp 9:00 AM Worship	26 Green Lake Bible Camp	27 Green Lake Bible Camp 7:00 PM Church Council	28 Green Lake Bible Camp	29 Green Lake Bible Camp	30 Green Lake Bible Camp	



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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

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