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# *SIDELITES*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*October 2020*

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This cross terrified me when I first saw it. I walked into the Northwest chapel at Luther Seminary for my first sermon of my first preaching class. I saw this and almost had to sit down. It looks so cold and fear-filled. It shows pain that I have never seen before. However, after looking at it for a while, I was just...confused.

Jesus on the cross, I understand. Jesus on the ladders leading up to the cross, I am confused. Jesus on the cross in the middle of the sanctuary...I am lost. Then, my professor explained as I nervously reviewed my sermon. She said, "That cross is the greatest statement of grace. It's got the ladders because Jesus climbs down to us. It's cold to remind us of the pain. It's in the middle of the sanctuary to remind us where Christ is among us. It is a statement of God's compassion."

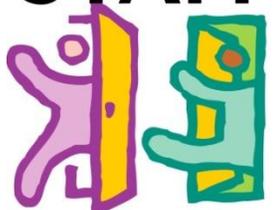
In this time, I feel the same anxiety I felt that day. I don't know what the world has to offer. I'm unsure of what will come next. That's why I need to see this cross today. It shows the coldness of crucifixion and the one who took that for me. It shows that he climbed up himself for my sake. It shows that he climbs back down again to walk with me.

Know that you are loved. Know that you are a child of God. Know that there is no where you can go where God will not go with you. As the world changes around us, know that God is our solid rock, Christ walks with us, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies and carries us. AMEN.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pr. Dave



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**STAFF**  
  
**CHANGES**

Mary Lu Anderson, Our Savior's Business Administrator is retiring! Mary Lu has faithfully served Our Savior's for three years. We pray retirement will be a blessing for you and Ron. Thank you, MaryLu, for your ministry with and among us.

Due to Mary Lu's retirement, we will be hiring a new business administrator. The Church Business Administrator furthers the mission of Our Savior's by coordinating the daily financial, facility, and business operations of the Church. Knowledge of accounting practices, record keeping, and working with Microsoft Excel, QuickBooks and/or church financial software is needed for this position. It is a 15-20 hours a week position. If you are interested in this position, please submit a resume to Our Savior's

Lutheran Church, Attn. Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner, 1400 S. State St., New Ulm.



As you may already know, our Sunday School for 2020-2021 is starting out a little differently than we had hoped. Since we cannot safely meet in person quite yet, we have found this wonderful curriculum for families to use at home. “Make Mealttime Family Time” is a simple way to get your dinner time conversations going. This is also an easy, stress free way to continue to learn about God and the awesome life of Jesus. These talk sheets can be done in minutes, and are a fantastic way to get your family talking!! In addition, we will hold a short family style “faith formation” following each Sunday Service. If you come to worship, stay for a quick family lesson!

To get started with “Make Mealttime Family Time,” we put together packets for each of our Sunday School families. If you haven’t picked up your packet yet, please see Lindsay or contact the church. We will be delivering all unclaimed packets to homes in the upcoming weeks. These packets include talk sheets for the first weeks of “Sunday School” for both preschoolers and for grades K-6. You simply follow the numbers on the talk sheet: 1) bible passage 2) faith discussion activity 3) silly game or fun activity. There is a Grandparents talk sheet as well (we will include one per month, but we have them available at church if you would like them all). Highs and Lows/Lumps and Lollipops sheet – a fun conversation starter to help eliminate “one word answers”. We have also included a “Yay God!” journal. This is a fun way for kids to keep track of where they have seen God’s work or what they are thankful for, the “Yay God’s” of life!!

We have extra material available for members of our congregation. If you would like a copy please see Lindsay or contact the church!

We are all very excited about this curriculum, and we hope you enjoy it! Please watch for emails and Facebook posts that will go along with our Faith Formation.



First Communion

### Sixth Grade First Communion Retreats

As it did with many important events, the pandemic interrupted our first communion class last spring. Sixth grade students and parents are invited to choose one make-up date to complete the class. The two choices are Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00PM – 4:00PM, or Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00AM – Noon. First Communion will be taken at either service (8:30AM or 10:30AM) on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Pastor Kathy with any questions.

## Noisy Offering is Back!

Mark your Calendars With These Dates:

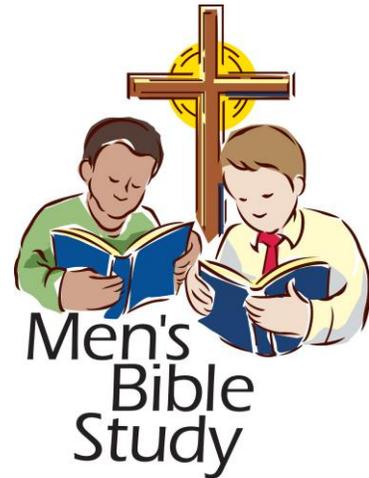
- October 25<sup>th</sup>: Lutheran Disaster Response
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>: New Ulm Food Shelf  
Donations of food will also be collected in the Social Hall.
- December 27<sup>th</sup>: Salvation Army

Thank you for all your contributions to this great outreach from Our Saviors! - The Mission Board

### Volunteers for Worship

As we are again worshipping indoors, volunteers are needed. It's wonderful to be able to say that! We are looking for people to share their time and gifts as lectors, ushers, running the power point, and communion servers.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Director of Music Ministries, Shannon Stuckey, at [Shannon@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:Shannon@oursaviorsnewulm.org).



Your input is needed! Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study has been meeting via Zoom all summer. This study is important to many. With that in mind, the group is contemplating how to meet this fall in ways that are safe for the entire group. Please contact Pastor Kathy or Bob Apitz with input on ideas for meeting this fall.



## Become Part of *Our* Church Family

Our Savior's will welcome new members on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a new member gathering and orientation on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM.

If you are interested in becoming a member at Our Savior's, please contact the church office at (507) 233-4430 or [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

### Mission Board Update:

The Mission Board has received \$278.00 for its Hygiene Fund. This money will be used to purchase supplies for students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade at the public schools.

Some of the supplies being purchased for the students in need include toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizers, soap, deodorant, and boxes of Kleenex. These items will be delivered to the students in the coming week.

Thank you to all who joined us for Outdoor Worship this summer!





## **Stay In Touch When You Can't Be At OSLC!**

Pastors Kathy and Dave would like to know if you are hospitalized, having surgery, are homebound for a period of time, have received a serious health diagnosis, or are in need of a visit. If you would like them to visit with you by phone or video chat, please contact them at church at (507) 233-4430 or by email at [kathy@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:kathy@oursaviorsnewulm.org) or [dave@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:dave@oursaviorsnewulm.org).



The Food Library in front our church needs food, especially during this time of year! Please donate non-perishable items that can be safely stored outdoors. Items can be left in the donation box in front of the church office. Thank you for considering those in need!



### **Boundary Waters - Summer 2021**

Since the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering has been postponed, we will be going to the Boundary Waters in the summer of 2021! I'm so excited that we get to go out into God's incredible creation, learn about ourselves, and learn about God's activity in our lives. We will be having an informational meeting/video in October, and registration information will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. Get ready for an amazing trip that you will never forget!

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With  
**GRATITUDE**

Dear People of Our Savior's,

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with ELCA World Hunger, and for your generous gift of \$7,500 given through your synod this summer.

As hunger continues to increase here and across the globe, your faithful generosity is so important! Thank you for creatively and courageously working to end hunger for good. Until all are fed,

- Rev. Robin K Brown  
Mission Funding Director, Congregations - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you so much for your kind words and reaching out to us during the passing of Greg's mother, Marian Haubrich. It truly means so much! Thank you again Pastor Kathy and Pastor Dave,

- Greg & Kim Haubrich, Ashley & Tim Meier and kids, Jake Thomas, and Mitch Haubrich

## October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 4:00 PM Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting	2	3
4 Friesner Baptism 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall 11:30 AM Adult Choir 4:00 PM Youth Choir	5	6 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team 6:00 PM Finance Team 7:00 PM Health Team	7 11:00 AM WELCA Board 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 6:00 PM Small Group Confirmation Classes 7:00 PM Worship in Sanctuary	8 8:30 AM Zoom Bible Study	9	10
11 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall 1:00 PM First Communion Retreat	12 Fall Theological Conference	13 Fall Theological Conference 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team 7:00 PM Facilities & Grounds Team	14 No Confirmation - MEA 8:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 10:30 AM NU Ministerial Mtg 11:00 AM Ridgeway on German Service 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 7:00 PM Worship in Sanctuary	15 MEA Break	16 MEA Break	17
18 8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:30 AM Worship in Social Hall	19 Sidelites Deadline	20 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 6:00 PM Missions Ministry Team 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	21 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 6:00 PM Small Group Confirmation Classes 7:00 PM Worship in Sanctuary	22 8:30 AM Zoom Bible Study	23	24 9:00 AM First Communion Retreat
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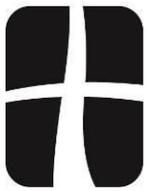
Items to be included in the next edition of Sidelites are due by **October 19<sup>th</sup>**! Announcement pieces must be received no later than each Wednesday at noon. Email your news to [jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org](mailto:jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org).

# OFFICE HOURS



### *Church Office Hours*

Mon. – Thurs.: 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 p.m.



# OUR SAVIOR'S

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## Indoor Worship

Sunday worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday worship – 7:00 PM

Facebook Live – Sunday at 8:30 AM

## Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

# SIDELITES

OUR SAVIOR'S is a Welcoming

community, experiencing God,

reaching out and raising up followers of

Jesus Christ