
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

March 2021



Palm Sunday

March 28th

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Both services will be *in person*, and the 8:30 AM service will be Live on Facebook.

Maundy Thursday

April 1st

12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM

Both services will be *in person*, and the evening service will also be Live on Facebook.

First Communion will be celebrated at the 6:30 PM service! We anticipate our 5th Graders will have a number of family members present, and encourage the congregation to attend the Noon service if possible.

Good Friday

April 2nd

12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM

Both services will be *in person* and the evening service will also be Live on Facebook. Good Friday worship will not be held jointly with Christ the King this year

Easter Sunday ***April 4th***

Worship at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

The 8:30 AM service will also be Live on Facebook.

As of this writing, we will be limited to 100 people for each of the Easter Sunday services, and registration is required. Please call (507) 233-4430, or email jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org, or visit our website www.oursaviorsnewulm.org to sign up!

Wednesdays in Lent

- **12:15 PM** Join us over the lunch hour for a twenty-minute *in person* service of music for meditation, a short devotion, and prayer.
- **6:30 PM** Worship - *Online Only*, on Facebook and YouTube. In Wednesday evening worship, we will hear from six biblical figures in the form of monologues done by members of Our Savior's.



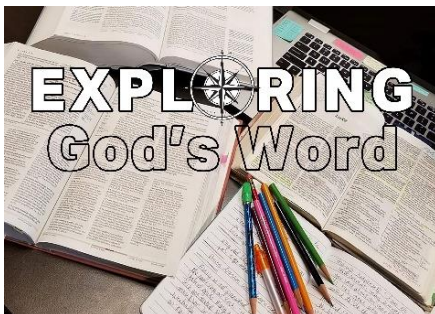
"You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust, you make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us." These are lyrics from the song "Beautiful Things" (written by Brian Johnson/Christa Black/Jeremy Riddle), that I find especially meaningful during Lent. It reminds me of my brokenness and how through the waters of baptism, I am made new. As it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is

a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" This year, as we approach the one year mark since we gathered together without masks, social distancing and the pandemic, it has even deeper meaning. It speaks of God's ongoing creating and redeeming work in the world. It speaks of God's power to create something new and beautiful from death and darkness.

March 11, 2020, a Wednesday in Lent, was the last time we gathered for what we would call a regular or normal service. It has been a year of both grief and gratitude. I find myself living in that tension. There are so many things for which I am grateful and so many things I have grieved. What gives me hope is the promise that out of dust, out what looks like sure death, God creates something new. God creates life from death. Having faith in our God gives me hope that even in this year when so many things have been lost, God is at work. We can trust that God is at work creating beautiful things in you and in our congregation. May this bring you comfort and strength this Lenten season.

Pastor Kathy

On March 11th, we will recognize that it has been one year since we had to change how we gather at Our Savior's due to the pandemic. We will mark this date by a slide show of all we have done over this past year. This will be on our website and Facebook and is a good reminder that we are still the church, even in a pandemic. Finally, we will conclude the day with prayers. Please join us online as we look back, while we continue to move forward together.



Men's Bible Study will meet with Pastor Dave on Mondays, March 8th and March 22nd in the Social Hall. We will begin at 9:30 AM. Everyone must be masked and we will need to be socially distant. There will not be food or beverage - the good news is, we can be together!

WELCA Bible Study - Women of the church are invited to gather for bible study in March. We will meet in the Social Hall, socially distanced and use the March *Gather* magazine bible study. Everyone needs to wear a mask and we will not be able to have coffee or snacks. If you would like to attend,

please choose either March 11th or March 25th, at 10:00 AM. Please call the church office and let us know which date you plan to attend. We will continue to meet in this way until it is safe for the mission circles to gather in their usual way.

We've Missed You!

Over the past year, we've really missed seeing each other, and no doubt many of you feel the same. While we can't see everyone in person, we thought we could at least see pictures of one another! We are planning a slide show for the church website that is simply pictures of all of you! Members are invited to email a picture (one per household) to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org by March 22nd. It doesn't have to be a current photo, it's okay to send an older one. Or, if you are here on a Sunday or Wednesday, a member of the staff would be happy to snap a picture of you. A staff person can also stop by and take a socially distanced picture of you at your front door, just let the office know! We are planning to post the slide show as an Easter "hello" from the congregation on **April 4th**.

BIG IDEAS: March 6th and 20th
Ages 8-11 from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Ages 12-15+ from 2:45 PM – 4:45 PM



We are pleased to partner with Big Ideas (23 South Minnesota Street, New Ulm) for a fun 2-day trades club event for the kids of OSLC! This event will be on March 6th & 20th, with a limit of 20 kids per age group per COVID guidelines. Masks must be worn.

The cost per student is \$20, please make checks payable to Big Ideas. Scholarships are available, please contact Lindsay or Pastor Kathy for more information. Please see Lindsay for the registration form and a copy of the waiver.

SNOW Much FUN Together!

March 14th: Snow Fun at Harman Park @ 1pm

Boot skate (or bring ice skates) – play in snow – play outside at the park!

Kids must be accompanied by an adult.



Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27th (back up snow date: April 3rd)

Kindergarten & Under: 9:00AM, 1st Grade - 6th Grade: 10:30 AM.

Masks will be required. If you would like to donate plastic Easter Eggs, candy, or make a monetary donation, please contact Lindsay.



Looking for a safe vacation?

The **Medayto Lodge** is the perfect lakeside cabin on Green Lake to host your small family gatherings, weekend getaways, weekend ice fishing trips, off site work trainings or crafting groups! With lots of snowy trails in the woods and Green Lake close by, there's so much to do! We're ready to host your small group - and we have a midwinter special going on! Take advantage of lower prices while they last! For more information about available dates, contact Steph at 320-796-2181 or retreat@gllm.org!

Practicing a new crafting hobby?

Join us at the **Creative Souls Retreat** on March 19-21! Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join us for a great weekend of crafting at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will enjoy fellowship, and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative women. You will also have time for devotions, taking a walk, or even a nap. Learn more about this retreat, other adult and youth retreat opportunities, and our COVID policies on our website, www.gllm.org.

Fat Tuesday Drive-Thru Celebration

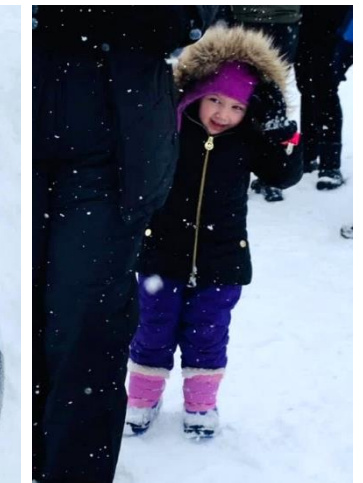
Tuesday, February 16th

Thank you to Sozial for providing the delicious treats!



Snow Much Fun Sledding Party!

Sunday, February 21st at South Park, New Ulm



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Thank you to all members of the congregation who attended the annual meeting, both in person and via Zoom. We appreciate your patience and flexibility while we tried something new! Those who attended on Zoom received their ballots by mail, and all ballots were securely maintained until they were counted on February 23rd.

Copies of the 2020 Annual Report are available at the display rack in the Social Hall. The 2021 Annual Meeting minutes will be in the display rack once they are finalized. Both documents will also be available on our website.

Our Savior's would like to thank those who have served on a ministry team, committee or church council the past year. This year was challenging for all of us in many ways, and we are grateful for your faithful service throughout the pandemic. Thank you for sharing your gifts with Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



Please take a moment to thank the following people who completed their terms this year:

Ann Anderson	Lois Aufderheide	Isaac Blumhoefer	Troy Booth
Madeline Cacciatore	Chris Cooke	Cheryl Gulden	Addison Haynes
Doug Hoffmann	Sara Hoffmann	Phyllis Kosbab	Brian Kraus
Pat Lang	Laura Leighty	Mike Lieb	Kathy Lund
Alyssa Nissen	Brenda Paulson	Garry Paulson	Linda Postel
Harold Remme	Daniele Sharits	Erwin Steinke	Aleda Warta
Saige Wilfahrt	Kris Zetah	Marlys Zetah	

Please welcome the following people who were elected to serve Our Savior's at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Bob Apitz	Dale Aufderheide	Lois Aufderheide	Deb Bastian
Chris Cooke	Gianna Fortwengler	Cheryl Gulden	Steve Hawkins
Shawn Hildebrandt	Kitty Hietala	Doug Hoffmann	Sara Hoffmann
Diane Lambrecht	Laura Leighty	Ethan Lieb	Kathy Lund
Ryan Neidecker	Jeff Nielsen	Alyssa Nissen	Sharon Nordby
Brenda Paulson	Garry Paulson	Doreen Peterson	Linda Postel
Candy Roiger	Ted Sauers	Daniele Sharits	Aleda Warta
	Nancy Wichmann	Kris Zetah	



Dear Our Savior's Congregation,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and memorials in honor of Roger. Your care and thoughtfulness have been a comfort during this difficult time.

- Mary Julien

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran,

Thank you for your gift to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries! We're so thankful for your support as we prepare and anticipate for 2021. Your gift of \$2,700.00 in mission support and \$150.00 gift will ensure that more good things will happen in the year ahead – more campers will be able to attend camp, more retreat guests will be greeted with radical hospitality, and more people will experience the love and grace of God.

This year has been hard. But because of the support of our congregations and individuals like you, we have been blessed with the resources needed to reimagine our call to mission. Whether in person or not, we're committed to sharing the good news of Jesus in all that we do!

Sincerely,

- Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director

Thank you to all my Our Savior's friends for all the prayers & beautiful cards you have surrounded me with this difficult year with Lloyd gone. Thank you Pastor Kathy for your phone calls. I miss all of you so much! I feel so blest to be a part of this beautiful church family.

Love,

- Ann Julien

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for granting me this [Malm] scholarship to help pay for my college funds. I am very thankful that I have a church like this to help me in times of need. I am pursuing my life into Nursing and it has its perks, but also drains you in bills. So thank you again for this gift to help me pursue my dream job.

Sincerely,

- Faith Nachreiner :)

Dear OSLC,

Thank you so much for the gift of the Malm Scholarship. This is suh a great help for my time at college at Minnesota State Mankato! Thank you!

- Paige Hoffmann

Dear friends at OSLC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl I received through Maxine Remme. It is warm and comforting during the polar vortex AND cancer treatment and recovery. This is my cancer journey, but the support and encouragement means so much along the way. I know that my Redeemer lives and that sickness is broken in His name.

Thanks again.

- Audra Shaneman

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$198.93 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

This season, we remember a time before Christ's birth, when humanity waited to be delivered from fear and sin. But, we also remember the day the waiting ended. Our Savior arrived, and now we live in a world transformed by God's grace. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing the everlasting joy of that transformation with your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now, you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you.

In Christ,

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

Thank you again to the Congregation for your generous giving in 2020! We deeply appreciate your support for our ministry during such a difficult year. If you would like more information on our budget and year-end financial numbers, copies of the Annual Report are available in the Social Hall.

	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
2020 General Offering	\$ 457,865.68	\$ 450,488.00
2020 Building Fund	\$ 75,365.30	\$ 75,749.96
YEAR END TOTALS:	\$ 533,230.98	\$ 526,237.96
2020 World Hunger	\$ 9,449.00	



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting

February 19, 2021 via Zoom

2020 was not the year that was expected, and it was not easy. Revenue was lower by 1.1 million due to 0 summer campers, 49 less retreat groups, and 3,747 less retreat guests. Despite this, the ministry ended the year with a positive cash flow due to several factors, the most important being the generosity of its member churches and individuals. Some of the key 2020 numbers shared were:

- 1,252 donors, churches, and organizations gave to camp
- 342 people made their first gift to the ministry
- 15 retreat groups rented space
- The quilt auction was entirely online with only half the quilts, but was the 3rd highest earning year totaling \$64,102.
- A virtual dinner theater served 315 meatball dinners and had 216 performance links
- Volunteers gave 1,200 hours of their time to camp
- Expense and staff cuts were made
- A PPPL Grant of \$139,000 and hailstorm insurance proceeds of \$135,000

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries was never completely shut down. Staff used the pandemic as an opportunity to find new ways to support one another and its congregations. 4 camp singalongs were held through facebook live, day camp home curriculum was used, 167 you tube videos were created by the program team, including worships, songs, and activities. The maintenance staff worked on many projects. And, staff began preparing for 2021 summer camp, consulting with the MN Dept of Health and Kandiyohi Public Health to come up with the necessary restrictive guidelines to keep everyone safe.

A 2020 budget was adopted that includes a significant increase in revenue versus the 2020 actual numbers, but represents a decrease versus the 2019 actual. A \$400,000 loan is included in the budget for new retreat opportunities by renovating several lakeside cabins at Shores of St. Andrews Bible Camp and for summer camp operations. Usage of the new retreat space is expected to cashflow the loan principal and interest going forward.

The “At the Water’s Edge” project work is continuing. The master site plan should be finalized by the end of May. Architect concept drawings of the major projects will be completed, and will likely consist of 1. Green Lake Bible Camp Chrysalis House, 2. Green Lake Bible Camp lakeside small group retreat center, 3. Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp recreation center, and 4. Signature entry, signage, landscaping, and branding at all three camp locations. A feasibility study will be completed early summer and plans will then be shared with the membership.

The Dave Eliason Advocate of the Year Award was presented to Mary Toufar.

Elections were held. Newly elected board members are Pastor Laura Aase, Robert Anderson, Casey Fuerst, and Kelly Rodger. Returning elected board members are Chad Darr, Kevin Elton, Pastor Todd Nelsen, and Pastor Troy Pfibsen. The board will now have 18 members.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries extended its GRATITUDE AND THANKS for continued support of their mission to share the life-changing love of Jesus!

Respectfully,

Dale and Lois Aufderheide, Delegates

Thank you to Angie Anderson for this beautiful reflection on grief, hope, and finding purpose. Angie wrote this for The Compassionate Friends newsletter. She also posted it on her blog, "Grieving Mama" (<https://grievingmama.home.blog>). We asked her permission to share it with our congregation and pray it brings you hope.

From Death to Life, By Angie Anderson

One of the things I most appreciate about living where I do, is the change of seasons. Each one has something unique to offer and brings with it its own beauty. I love seeing the vibrant fall colors as the leaves transition from brilliant green to hues of red, yellow and orange. Although the color change is indicative of impending death, there is so much serenity and beauty that comes along with it. Even in the winter, when the world lies in a dormant state, a fresh blanket of snow can bring a sense of tranquility to a world that is otherwise, for all intents and purposes, in a state of death. It brings light to the darkness and covers the dirt and grime that infiltrates our lives. After a while, though, even the beauty of the snow grows old and I find myself longing for spring and summer; for a time of warmth and new life.

As we're transitioning from winter to spring, it makes me think of my grief in terms of seasons and the way I choose to cope with the death of my son, Micah. In the "winter" of my grief, there are times when I find comfort sitting alone in my sorrow; allowing the tears to flow as I scroll through pictures of him while listening to his favorite music, reliving memories from when he was young, up through the final days and moments of his life. I find some sense of comfort and healing as I allow myself to feel the emotions that somehow I think I need to hide from the world. At times like this, I feel like I'm simply looking for ways to survive the loss of my son.

Although I feel some benefit from allowing myself these moments, I can't stay in that place of grief and sadness for the long term. I don't know if I would be able to survive my loss without the belief that Micah has been given new life through his death; trusting that there is life after death. Believing that my son's spirit is just as alive as it ever was and that he is always with me in my heart, brings me comfort. I feel his presence in the beauty of a sunrise, the appearance of a heart in an unexpected place, the grandeur of an eagle soaring overhead or the sound of one of his favorite songs playing on the radio. It's as if he's letting me know he's near as I allow myself to enjoy the daily beauty that is all around me.



Just as I believe that Micah has received eternal life after his physical death, I also know that I need to find new life, a way to thrive and not just survive, in spite of the emptiness I feel from his absence. Although my son's untimely death has changed me forever, I can't let it destroy me. After he died, I kept thinking that there had to be some reason for this, some purpose to fulfill, some specific thing I needed to do to somehow make sense of his death. After pondering this for the past two and a half years, I have come to the conclusion that maybe there isn't one specific thing that I need to do to honor Micah's life but rather to live a life that will bring a sense of purpose. Maybe the purpose I was looking for is to simply live my life to the fullest; to share the love that I had for Micah with others, to offer my support to those who are hurting and lonely, and to find something to be grateful for in each and every day that I am given.

As we anticipate the arrival of spring, a time of new life and growth, my wish is that we all may be able to find the beauty that still exists in this world and to be grateful for the gift of new life, both for our loved ones who have gone before us and for us as bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. May we all experience a new life where we live with purpose, find ways to share our love, show gratitude for what we have and to be a support for others who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

A Spring Garden: To decorate for Easter Sunday this year, we will be using Easter lilies. To contribute a lily or money toward a purchase, **please complete the form below and turn it in to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 24th.**

Given By _____

Please print! This will be how your name(s) will be listed in the bulletin.

Choose one:

☐ I/We will **bring a lily for Easter.**

Please bring to the church the week of March 29th- April 2nd and place on the table by Shannon's office.

☐ I/we would like to contribute \$_____ toward Easter Lilies.

Make checks payable to OSLC, memo line "Easter Lilies"

Choose one (please print names):

☐ Given in memory of _____

☐ Given in honor of _____

☐ Given as a gift.

If you bring a lily and would like to have it in your home after Easter, **please label your plant.** Lilies will be kept for pick up until April 11th.

March 2021

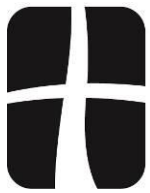
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Sign up for our Constant Contact email service and receive our weekly update emails, as well as occasional mid-week announcements! Call the church office at (507) 233-4430, or email jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

Email Troubles:

Not receiving emails from us? There is a known issue with **Hotmail** email addresses, which reject not only our weekly emails, but also messages sent directly from individual church staff. Please contact Jen if you are not receiving our messages, we will see if there is an alternative for getting our news to you!

Additionally, **Gmail** has been filtering some church staff emails to the "Promotions" folder. Please be sure to check that folder, and select "Move To" - "Primary" to help our messages arrive in your inbox instead!



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Indoor Worship

Sunday worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
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Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)
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SIDELITES

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