

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 8:30 & 11 AM

Sunday – 9:45 AM Sunday School

Regular Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; NU Telecom Channel 3)

Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

Day 1: Sun. – 9:30 a.m. (KNUJ)

SIDELITES

Our Savior's Mission Statement –

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is an open community of believers

- called by God in Christ Jesus to outreach, worship, and growth in faith
- committed to using God's gifts in living service to each other, our neighbors, and the world.

SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

October 23, 2011

CALL COMMITTEE IN MOTION!

By the time you read this article, the call committee will have been trained in to begin their work and search for a new Senior Pastor. As a congregation, you nominated and approved an excellent group of people that care very much about your church and its mission. They will do a very fine job for you.

Seven call committee members accepted their nomination to serve including **Marlys Zetah, Gary Maki, John Ingebritson, Scott Blumhoefer, Pat Lang, Scott Nelson** and **Becky Eikanger**. Reserve members include **Maxine Remme, Wayne Stolt** and **Paul Wilker**.

This is an opportune time to highlight some important things regarding the call committee. They have been asked to observe confidentiality concerning candidates. Why? It is very likely that candidates being considered are currently serving positions in other churches. Breaches of confidentiality could negatively impact their effectiveness in their current setting, especially if they are not the call committee's final candidate of choice.

The call committee has been asked to update the congregation regularly on the call process. We will do this in two ways. First, all minutes of meetings will be published and made available in a notebook for anyone to see and read. Second, a 2-3 minute update will be given by someone from the call committee during announcements at weekend worship.

The committee's first meeting was a training session. They received an outline of the search process from beginning to end which will be included in that first set of minutes for you to see and read.

They also received copies of the hard data from the self-study as well as a current, nearly completed

copy of the *Ministry Site Profile* to look over and fill in. The committee has to put final touches on the *Ministry Site Profile* which is sent electronically to the SW MN Synod Office. This document, based upon information from the self-study, is used by the Synod office to find the most appropriate candidates to interview at Our Savior's. Your church council will also see it and need to approve it before it is sent off. Until that time, the committee will work on interview design, based upon the 'criteria' defined in the self-study.

We are at the mercy of people's time in this process. It can be challenging to get 10 people together for a single meeting but they will figure out how to do it. I realize (as the committee does) that people are 'anxious' to get this process moving along. It will move ahead as fast as it can and people need to understand this no matter how anxious they feel. As leaders we lead based upon principle, not upon people's anxiety.

I recommended the committee have a 'mock interview' prior to asking a Synod minister to deliver candidate names. I have secured and have available what I consider to be the best person I know to do a mock interview with them. This will breed confidence and raise the skill set for your call committee – very important in making an impression upon a candidate!

The congregation can suggest names of pastors NOT serving in the SW MN Synod but they need to be called and asked if they are interested. If interested, they must send their mobility papers sent to the SW MN Synod Office. Keep these things in mind if you choose to inquire of a pastor and gauge their interest in interviewing here.

Please keep this committee and their process in your prayers, asking the Lord to send you the best and most appropriate candidate!

Pastor Bill Odermann

Welcome to Our Savior's Church Family

The following people were received as members of Our Savior's the weekend of October 15 and 16, 2011:

DeAnna Aufderheide
Ted & Jennifer Banal and their sons Jeff,
Cody, and Nickolas
Ryan Johnson and his daughter Alexis
Tony & Krissy Melzer
Amanda Neidecker
Les Roach
Jessica Schiemann
Rich & Judy Schugel

We welcome you into Our Savior's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, and workers with us in the kingdom of God. We pray that you will find a home, a place to put down roots to grow in faith, and a place to open your hands in service to others.

Stewardship Corner

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

Romans 12:6-8

When you identify your own gifts, ask how you can use them to build up God's family. Then be thankful for people whose gifts are completely different from yours. Let your strengths balance their weaknesses and be grateful that their abilities make up for your deficiencies. Together we can build Christ's church.

We will be having our commitment weekend coming up on November 19-20 and we from the stewardship committee are asking you to "Share God's Gifts." We will be asking you to share the gifts God has given you.

Thanks to all who brought food and sales items for the Hotdish Cook-Off and Time and Talent Auction. The youth group raised around \$2,000 for summer ministries. **Congratulations** to the winner of the cook-off, Rose Dobie, with Reuben Casserole!

Reuben Casserole

5 cups uncooked egg noodles
2 cans (14 ounces each) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
2 cans (10 ¾ ounces each) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
¾ cup milk
½ cup chopped onion
3 tablespoons prepared mustard
¾ pound sliced deli corned beef, chopped
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
2 slices day-old light rye bread
2 tablespoons butter, melted

1. Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the sauerkraut, soup, milk, onion and mustard.
2. Drain noodles; stir into sauerkraut mixture. Transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with corned beef and cheese.
3. Place bread in a food processor; cover and process until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Toss crumbs with butter; sprinkle over top.
4. Bake, uncovered, at 350° degrees for 40-45 minutes or until bubbly.



The Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, November 27 from 9:30-11:00

on the lower level of the church. Students, parents, and other adults are invited to come and make Advent and Christmas crafts for all ages. Volunteers are needed to help lead the crafts. Please contact Kathy Ulland-Klinkner or Bridget Phifer if you will help.

Third quarter contribution statements are in member mailboxes. Please pick up your statement of giving today. Thank you

**From Kathy Ulland-Klinkner
Our Savior's Director of Youth &
Education:**

I have accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries in St. James. My last day at Our Savior's will be November 19. As this is my first call, I will be ordained into the office of ministry of word and sacrament before I begin pastoral ministry. In the Service of Ordination, the church entrusts the office of word and sacrament to those who have accepted the church's call and sends them into ministry.

You are invited to the Ordination of Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner
Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 AM
At Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Reverend Stanley Olson, preaching
Bishop Jon Anderson, presiding
Lunch will be served following the service.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Christians are responsible for care; God is responsible for cure! Doesn't that sound easy! We are so blessed to have a Loving Father in Heaven who offers such an easy option to caring for others. All we have to do is CARE! I LOVE that about God. All we have to do is show up and care and God does the rest!

This caring is what Stephen Ministry is all about. Caring for others in need is what Stephen's Ministers do. As a farmer prepares the ground for his crop, Stephen Ministers prepare the care receiver, by creating a therapeutic situation and then waiting EXPECTANTLY for the Lord. It is God who provides emotional, mental, physical and spiritual growth according to his will.

We are so very fortunate at Our Savior's to have an active Stephen Ministry program right here! There are already people feeling the healing touch of God thru their own one-on-one relationship with our Stephen Ministers! If you or your loved one are in need or hurting for some reason, please contact any one of the Stephen Ministers and we will explain the process to you and get you in a position to feel the Great curegiver at work. If you feel the call to become active as a Stephen Minister and become a caregiver, please contact us as well and we will explain the training necessary to join our team of caregivers. Remember, we are called to be HIS hands and feet and Love each other

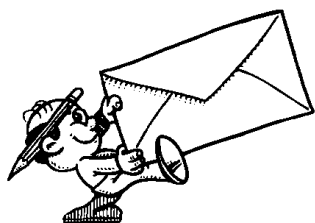
Together we can make a difference in many peoples' lives starting right here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, while serving God and his kingdom at the same time.

Sincerely,

Your Stephen Ministry Team

The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes November 20. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by 3 p.m., November 15. Thank you!

Kwik Trip gift cards continue to be available on Sunday mornings in the social hall and during the week from Kathy. We have \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 cards available. They may be used at any Kwik Trip for any purchase. You buy the card at face value and the youth group receives 10% of it.



"The Envelope Fundraiser" is now taking place! Our youth have prepared 144 envelopes each numbered \$1-\$144. We invite you to take a

numbered envelope and give the amount written on your envelope. Return the envelope in the church offering, to the church office, or Kathy's office. This fundraiser will raise right around \$10,000 for our trip to New Orleans. What a great jump start that will be for our fundraising!

Ladies of Our Savior's:

Fall is definitely in the air. Today is a beautiful day – just a cool breeze, the leaves on the trees are all down and bagged. What more could you ask for in fall?

On October 1st, some ladies went to the Fall Gathering in Trimont. It's always nice to see ladies from our Watonwan River Conference. There were 16 churches represented and 77 ladies registered. We picked up folders for the officers for the coming year. The program was fantastic. A family called "The Kingery Singers" performed. They do a great job. It would be fun to bring them to Our Savior's. The father, Mike Kingery, played baseball for 18 years. Some of you may remember him. His wife, four daughters and two sons are also in the group. If you ever get the chance, go and see them.

I want to say THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the pie-making. I think we all had a fun morning. Your help was very much appreciated! By the time you read this, our Bazaar will be over. THANK YOU to all for donating, buying, helping set up and clean up. You are all the best!

In November we will be putting *Thank Offering* envelopes in member's mailboxes. In December, the Christmas Brunch will be held. I hope we have more people involved this year.

Remember the 4th Tuesday of each month is Mission Project Day from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We always have a fun time.

We are still looking for a Vice President. If there is someone out there that is thinking about it, please talk to one of the Board members.

Yours in the Lord,
Linda Postel

Thank You Notes

Thank you very much for the gifts for our daughter Addison's baptism. She will enjoy the faith chest and prayer shawl for years to come! Thank you to those who used their talents to make these. They are very much appreciated!
Jeff, Sandy, Kaitlin, Jenna & Addison Donnay

Thank you! To each and every one who sent cards, calls and prayers for me. I'm on the mend.
God Bless,
Hertha Block

Dear Staff & Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for letting us use the multi-purpose room for our adult training sessions and meetings. It's very accommodating to our volunteers and we appreciate your generosity in letting us share this space.

Thanks much,
Adult development
Girl Scouts of MN & WI River Valleys

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the prayer shawl. It keeps me very warm, as shown in the picture. (*See picture on the bulletin board in the social hall.*)
Rose Dobie

On behalf of our families we would like to thank all the members of the Funeral Committee that provided wonderful salads and desserts for Mom's funeral luncheon. Your hard work was appreciated very much by all of us. We are blessed to have such a great church family.
Bill and Steve Koeckeritz families

I would like to send a big Thank You to everyone who sent cards, memorials, food, flowers, visits, hugs and especially prayers to us during the time of Del's death. Also thanks to the Military and their service and to the ladies who served the lunch. And a special Thank You to Pastor Joyce for such a beautiful funeral service. That was a great tribute to Del. I am so thankful to be part of such a caring church family. I appreciate all of you.
Phyllis Kosbab and family

Thank you to Pastor Joyce, for your many visits and for giving Archie your words of comfort. Thank you to Our Savior's for the lovely cards and flowers given to him at the care center. Thank you also to the kitchen group, the special ladies who served the food, and anyone else that had a part.
Bless you all,
Lorraine Ford & families