

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

September 18, 2011

"I was glad when they said to me; let us go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

People will call and ask, "What time are your worship services?" Or you may tell a friend, "I worship at the 11:00 service." Why call Sunday morning worship "*service*"? Are we serving God? Is God serving us? Are we serving one another? As Lutherans we believe worship is God serving us through His word and Sacraments, and we respond with our service of giving thanks to God.

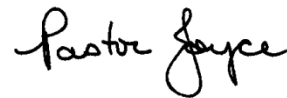
One of the ways we serve God is by singing the Kyrie. Years ago people would greet their king as he entered into their city with the cry of, "Lord have mercy." As we sing the Kyrie we cry out to our King Jesus in a series of petitions, or prayers. As we lift our voices in song for God's mercy we are praying for others, creation, and the whole world, all of which are in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Singing the Kyrie is a reminder to us that our faith is communal and we are connected to others throughout the world. We are a global church and singing the Kyrie is not just for us as individuals. The cry, "Lord have mercy," is on behalf of the world as the world goes through difficulties, joys, trials, celebrations, and turmoil.

Worship is also celebration. Seventeen youth will be Confirmed on October 30th. Faith is taught, caught, lived, and to be affirmed by all. October 30th is Reformation Sunday when we remember Martin Luther and the good news of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake. Worship is that time for all of us to re-form, or form again our commitment as disciples of Christ.

The following young adults will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at Our Savior's on October 30, 2011:

Adam Ellanson, Ashley Esser, Jonathon Grosam, Hannah Jakel, David Keller, Courtney Lang, Chad Ludewig, Jennifer Martens, Abigail Matthews, Blake Neumann, Paige Olsen, Drew Reinarts, Taylor Shay, Cody Skogberg, Jake Thomas, Breanna Wichmann, and Amanda Zupfer.

Keep these young people and their families in your prayers as we celebrate with them and they make a commitment to serve the Lord with gladness. See you in worship as together we come to the house of the Lord.



The House of the Lord is a *sacred* place. It is HIS house, not ours! We care for it with our resources, our time, and our leadership. We create a climate of Word, Worship, and Service out of our spiritual union with Him. We oversee its resources and people as a sacred trust but always, this will be "His house." As we do our part faithfully as "unto Him," He will do the rest and that means trusting God to bring in new leadership as needed.

Jesus gave Himself to birth His church. In every generation, he has set leadership over it faithfully throughout generations of time. Jesus wants our hearts more than our buildings, programs, resources and time. In this season of worship, praise, teaching and outreach, let us continue in prayer for the call process while seeking God to bring us the right leadership to care for HIS church!

Pastor Bill Odermann

Stewardship Corner – September 2011

The Stewardship Committee wants to remind you that OSLC offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

OSLC adopted a new automated giving program earlier this year through Vanco Services, recommended by Thrivent Financial. The *Simply Giving* program now allows congregation members to select multiple funds for regular contributions to OSLC. In addition to the ability to use automated giving for general fund contributions, members can also designate contributions to the Building Fund and World Hunger.

We anticipate that that automated giving will continue to appeal to many church members, from longtime worshippers who will appreciate an alternate to frequent check writing to younger members and others who prefer to pay or donate by electronic means whenever possible.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider the electronic giving option. If you wish to start electronic giving or change your dollar amount or fund selection, authorization forms are available in the church office.

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.

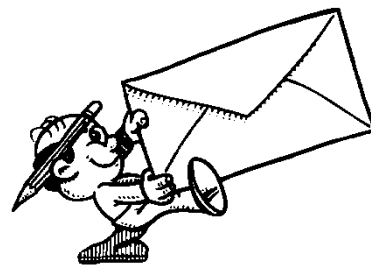
There will not be Sunday School on Sunday, October 23, due to the school break.

Hotdish Cook Off & Time and Talent Auction Sunday, October 16

12:00 – Lunch
12:15 – Auction

Entrants for the hotdish cook off are needed! Bring your family favorite to share. Each entrant is asked to bring one very large hotdish or two regular sized hotdishes. Last year's winner, Lois Aufderheide, will be bringing her trophy to pass on (or win again!).

Donations are also needed for the Time and Talent Auction. Items that have been donated in the past include: meals to be delivered, gift certificates from businesses, home grown or canned items, baskets with a theme, items people have won but couldn't use, homemade items like jewelry or mittens, services to be delivered like a snowblower tune-up or painting for someone, baby-sitting, pet sitting, embroidered dish towels, photography or prints, cards, home baked goods, or use your imagination and share what you can for the auction!



“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!



ELCA Malaria Campaign
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

ELCA Malaria Campaign – The youth group continues to work towards their goal of raising \$5000 for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. **They will be baking at church on Saturday, October 1, and selling the baked goods on Sunday, October 2.** They plan to bake Special K bars, chocolate chip cookies and Chex Muddy Buddies. They are looking for donations of Rice Krispies, chocolate chips, flour, sugar, Rice and Corn Chex, peanut butter, corn syrup, and butterscotch chips. Please bring donations to the kitchen or Kathy's office.

Thank you to those who were part of God's Global Barnyard coin box offering.

The money raised from sharing your coins in the "barns" on the table during coffee hour and the families and individuals who supported this project by taking a barn home

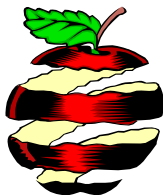


with them was enough to purchase two goats for a family. Goats can survive in hot temperatures, rocky terrain or drought. This makes them especially valuable for families living in hot dry climates. As goats multiply families share offspring with neighbors in need, helping lift entire communities out of hunger and poverty.

Here is what Margaret from Kenya said, *"My goat has given birth to 12 kids. With so many goats to sell, I can pay for my children to go to school. I can even afford to hire someone to help me work on the farm!"*

Apple Pie Making Day!

Men & women of the church are invited to an "Apple Pie Making Day" at Our Savior's on **Tues., Oct. 11 from 9 AM-Noon.** Please bring paring knives and peelers. Frozen pies/crisps will be sold at the WELCA Bazaar and Bake Sale on Sat., Oct. 22.



Pastor's Pondering:
Jerusalem

What images come to mind when you think of Jerusalem? Most likely you think of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jerusalem has a long history. [King David](#) made [Jerusalem](#) the capital of Israel 3,000 years ago. At Jerusalem's heart is the [Old City](#), which is surrounded by a wall and divided into four quarters - Jewish, Armenian, Christian, and Muslim. Inside the walls are the important holy sites of the three major religions: the [Western Wall](#), which is holy to the Jews. Here, at the base of the massive wall that is a remnant of the Holy Temple and the Jews gather for prayer. The [Church of the Holy Sepulcher](#), holy to Christians and the [Dome of the Rock](#) on the [Temple Mount](#), holy to the Muslims.

Jerusalem is known as the city of peace or the city of God and yet this is the place where Jesus came to die. The city is one of many conflicting sites and sounds. While sitting on the Mount of Olives and looking over the city of Jerusalem, and thinking of the Palm Sunday journey of Jesus, I heard the call to prayer from a nearby mosque.

We hear of so much struggle and conflict in Israel, yet as I walked the narrow streets of the Old City I was amazed at the diversity of people, languages, dress, and conversation. The streets were noisy and crowded as people made their way to work, children to school, and people to the markets. As we walked the road Jesus did on that Good Friday there was a pulse and rhythm to life and people walked on seemingly not to notice us as tourists. I left Jerusalem thinking that so many people from all around the world come to the sites of our faith and do we worship the living Christ or the sites?

Jesus calls us to worship Him and to have our lives changed by his presence. The challenge of Jerusalem is to seek peace. Peace for all nations and all people. That is why Jesus came. So, what are we doing to seek peace in the midst of diversity of religions and cultures? How will you walk today where Jesus walked in love and service?

Sunday School leaders still needed!

- October 30-November 20 – Rotation leader needed for Storytelling (Four week commitment)
- Shepherds needed for grade 1, 2, 3, and 5. (Eight-nine week commitment spread throughout the year).
- Many rotation leaders are needed after Christmas. Please see the sign-up sheet in the social hall to see what is needed and where you can help.

Ladies of Our Savior's:

Here we are the start of a new season: things are getting off the ground and chatter all around the church. It was so good to see all the families in church on Rally Sunday, what a great day. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

I want to say that I thought the gathering on August 17 went very well. We had a light salad supper, wonderful music, and a great Bible Study. Thanks to all of you who came and to all who made it such a special night. We are looking for someone to step up and offer to be vice president next year. I know there is someone out there. If you have any questions about it please talk to one of the board members.

October is just around the corner and it will be busy for us. October 1 is the Fall Gathering at First Lutheran, in Trimont. I have not gotten all the information yet. If any of you would like to go please get in touch with me. I will put a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as soon as I know the details.

Next the BAZAAR !!!!

Oct 22 Coffee 8:30-sale starts at 9:00. This means we need all of us at Our Savior's to participate in some way. We can bring crafts, baked goods, come have coffee, or just pray that we do well. We will also be making pies on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 9:00a.m. We need men and women that day also. We do have a good time. The money we make at the Bazaar is given to many different groups, mission work, and charities. I hope you can all come.

Yours in the Lord,
Linda Postel

ALL MEN OF OSLC

It's that time of the year again! The Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study group is back in session and we would like for all of you to join our group every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the lower level of the church to study and discuss the bible and our faith. We have a good time of fellowship and would like to grow our numbers and have you as part of it.

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

SEE YOU THERE.

Yours in Christ,

Tom P.

Thank You Notes

Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the handmade quilt. I will remember all the good times I had at church.

Thanks,

Dan Rykhus

Once again I want to thank everyone who sent cards, called, or said a prayer for my return to good health. Being a member of Our Savior's is for me knowing that God is always walking with me. I pray that God is also walking with you.

God bless each of you,

Joan Blackstad

Dear Friends at Our Savior's,

A special thank you to Pastor Joyce for her visit and phone call, and to the person who made the lovely prayer shawl. Also, thank you to all who sent cards and visited me during my stay in the hospital. Your prayers and concerns have been greatly appreciated.
Dale Madsen

In and Beyond Our Community...

CAR WASH – Sept. 25, 2011

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

All proceeds from this fundraising event go to support the work of Pro Kinship for Kids. Car wash will be held at X-treme Clean Car and Pet Wash, 1411 S Broadway St., New Ulm.

Day Of Caring – Saturday, October 15, 2011

Join us for our fifth countywide Day of Caring organized by the United Way of Brown County Area and Services for Seniors in Brown and Sibley Counties. The Day of Caring is an annual celebration of community volunteers giving "One Day to Help One Another". Volunteers provide "helping hands" for services that people, for diverse reasons, cannot do.

Do you, or someone you know, need an extra hand with a difficult task? Projects can range from writing letters, reading, housework, yard work, washing windows, cleaning gutters, small repairs and much, much more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Gather a team together! Recruit family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to make a team. Teams can range in size and ability.

To receive more information, call the United Way at 507-354-6512.

Dairy Queen Blizzard Day – Plus A Real Feel For What Pro Kinship For Kids Is All About Monday, September 19, 2011

All day Blizzard sales, crafts and games from 4-8 PM. Come and buy a Blizzard any time on Monday, September 19 at the New Ulm Dairy Queen and a portion of the amount you pay for your Blizzard will go to fund Pro Kinship for Kids activities.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers),

New Ulm is looking for caregivers to watch our children age 0-3 while we attend our meeting. In our MOPS group, moms experience authentic community, mothering support, personal growth and spiritual hope, all to help us be the best moms possible. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Christ the King Church in New Ulm. If you are available to share your time and talents, please call Jenny Gag at 507-276-1734.

41st Annual Nordic Bazaar First Lutheran Church – St. James, MN Wednesday, September 28, 2011 10 AM – 1:30 PM

Lunch served 11 AM – 1 PM
Scalloped chicken, salad, rolls, dessert, beverage
Adults \$7 Children \$2

Crafts, holiday, needlework, rugs, produce, candy, baked goods (lefse, apple pies), plants, attic treasures, cards, American Girl doll clothes, antique bottles, silent auction of needlepoint hanging

Cancer Center Project Fundraiser – Motorcycle & Car Run

Join us **Sunday, September 25, 2011** for this family-friendly event beginning at noon in the New Ulm Medical Center Clinic parking lot, ending between 4-6 p.m. with a meal served at the Searles Community Center. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Center Expansion & Renovation Project at NUMC.

Registration: \$25 per driver and \$15 per passenger. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 233-1048.

1st Annual Addy's Graceland

Join us Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Finstad's Oak Haven Campground (just past the Y on Hwy 15) from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. for a celebration of family, friends, and life.

Family and friends of Addison Grace Haynes, who is 4 years old and was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in December of 2010, will be hosting a family fun day to raise money to help pay for the continued costs of Addy's treatment.

For the Kiddos: bean bag toss, balloon darts, ring toss, duck pond, buried treasure, silly hair, sand art, pumpkin painting, and more.

For the Adults: a silent auction with more than 50 different items, bean bag tournament (\$20/team of 2, registration 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., start time 2 p.m., 50% payout with rest of proceeds going to Addy)

Meals: tacos in a bag, hot dogs and chips, Domino's Pizza. Snacks: cotton candy, apples with caramel, popcorn, slushies. Music throughout the day by Jammin' & Jiven' DJ Service & Johnny Helget

FREE ADMISSION – Tickets (available at the event) to be used for food and booth purchases.

The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes October 23. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by 3 p.m., October 18. Thank you!