

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday Worship – 6:30 PM

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

June 19, 2011

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit."
2 Corinthians 13:13*

When you hear the word, "ordinary" what comes to your mind? How would you define it? If something is ordinary we tend to think it is, "of no exceptional ability, degree, or quality; average, second-rate, nothing special, or mundane." Sometimes we think of our lives that way don't we? "Oh, I am no one special, or I am just an ordinary person." "I look ordinary; I have an ordinary house, and ordinary family." Summer is ordinary. That time when for some people the pace slows down; there is time away with family and time to reconnect with others.

You may hear talk of Ordinary Time in the church. Some churches talk about the Sundays after Pentecost as "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the church. What does Ordinary Time mean? The term comes from the word "ordinal," which simply means **counted time** (First Sunday after Pentecost, Second Sunday after Pentecost, is probably a better way to think of this time of the year. Ordinary Time, or counted time after Pentecost always begins with Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost and ends with Christ the King Sunday or the Reign of Christ the King, last Sunday before the beginning of Advent.

Even though we may think of Sundays and our lives as ordinary, nothing could be further from the truth. The apostolic greeting, which is the verse above, reminds us that our lives and our worship are anything but ordinary. We have an amazing God who orders our worship and our lives and grants us what we need each day.

We may think the Apostolic Greeting is a way to begin worship or saying hello or welcome, however this greeting reminds us whom we worship. This is not so much a greeting as a proclamation of the good news of God in Christ. Those few words

remind us that God is truly among us, and we are changed, forgiven, and renewed in worship so that our ordinary lives become blessed so that we can bring the good news of God's love to others. Just think about those few words and what they mean.

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: Grace is God granting us what we don't deserve. It is in the grace we receive through Jesus that we are freed to be the creatures God created us to be. That opening phrase reminds us that through our worship together we experience forgiveness, Jesus presence and granting us what we need to live and love.

THE LOVE OF GOD: In a world of broken promises we begin worship being reminded of a love which will never leave us and a love which is deep and wide. With people living in a world of hate, pain, evil and suffering, to greet someone with the Word of God's love is powerful and freeing. To begin worship with the greeting of God's love is something we should not rush through. Think about what we are saying.

THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: We ask that the power of the Holy Spirit be felt in those we greet, but more importantly, we ask that those we greet find the Holy Spirit in the community of those around them.

As we go through a time of transition as a congregation and as your family may be living with all kinds of changes, may this greeting remind us where we are rooted and where our life comes from. We cannot meet one another with a richer greeting. We have no ordinary God and God works in us in extra-ordinary ways. So, in your ordinary days and time this summer keep your eyes open to see and experience the love of God, may the grace of Christ be with you wherever your travels take you and may the Holy Spirit bring you into fellowship with one another. Amen.

Pastor Joyce

Ministry Focus

Summer Ministries for Children and Youth

Sunday School and Confirmation may be over for the school year, but we still have many events and programs going on for children and youth. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Kathy at church: 233-4430 or Kathy@oursaviorsnewulm.org

June 20-23 – Vacation Bible School for children who have completed Nursery-Kindergarten Sunday School and Day Camp for children who have completed Grades 1-5

July 13 – Summer Quest bible reading activity day at 1:00 at church

July 17-22 – Our Savior's week at Shores of St. Andrew and Green Lake

July 26 – Summer Quest bible reading activity day at 1:00 at church

July 31-August 5 – Youth trip to the Boundary Waters

August 10 – Youth trip to Valleyfair (Upcoming 7th-12th grade students)

August 11 – Fairmont Aquatic Park (Upcoming 3rd-7th grade students)

August 16 – Summer Quest bible reading pizza party

August 24 – Youth movie and discussion (“To Save a Life”)

We have 44 students attending Bible Camp and 26 youth going on the canoe trip. We also have 5 Our Savior's youth working at ELCA Bible Camps this summer. Please keep these groups in your prayers that their weeks will be safe, full of positive faith growing experiences, and rewarding.

JUNE UPDATE FROM PASTOR BILL

By the time you read this article, I will be deep into a summer family vacation, driving out west to see seven national parks. Early in the trip, we are stopping at my mother's residence in Mesa, AZ as my stepfather died suddenly June 4th from a heart attack. My mother has now lost three husbands to death in her lifetime. Her recent marriage was for thirty-three years and these have been the best years of her life!

My family and I are calling this the ‘vacation of the century,’ as we have not had a decent, extended vacation in the last seven years with Diane going through cancer twice. So ... while life is good ... we're doing it right this year.

I will return July 5th, refreshed and ready to go again. Our Transition Team is thinking through a meeting date again in July as we continue to craft a final report for the fall and then move into the formation of a call committee and begin the search for a new Senior Pastor for you.

I promised our staff that I would send post cards from interesting places so check with JoEllen to see ‘the latest.’ Snail mail may be ‘slow’ but it will come.

Keep me and my family in your prayers for safe travel, refreshment, and protection from the ‘unknown.’ May June be a blessed month for all of you!

Pastor Bill Odermann



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

The 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, citizens with the saints, will be next July, in New Orleans. Our Savior's youth will be attending and the trip is tentatively planned for July 15-23. Mark your calendars

now and watch for registration materials in August. Students who will be entering 8th-12th grade this fall will be eligible to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering!

Stewardship Corner

Following Jesus Faithfully

We heard in Kathy's sermon this past Sunday that we are given so much from God; our family, our health, our wealth and all that we have is a gift from God. The gifts that we have been given are given with the intention that we will share them with each other. At Our Savior's, there are many activities that allow us to share our gifts with each other. Get involved. If you are uncertain of what our church has available, please contact the church office for a Time and Abilities form that will provide a list of what Our Savior's has to offer. We need your participation. You most certainly have something to give that will be a blessing to others. Come and join a group or an activity and you will find that the blessing that you are to others will be a blessing returned to 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 women of OSLC can help support the servant opportunities at the **Triennial Gathering** in Spokane, WA on July 14-17 by **giving an in-kind gift card** (minimum of \$10.00) from any of the following stores: Target, Walmart or K-Mart or a prepaid phone card in any amount. These cards will be used by "Transitions", a Spokane ministry that sponsors and initiates programs to foster the personal growth and wholeness of women and children in need. Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor. The gift cards can be brought to the church offices and will be taken to Spokane by the eight women attending the gathering.



Be A Teacher

There's a place where only you fit!

responsibilities in each area would be. Please contact Kathy Ulland-Klinkner with questions.

It's not too early to think about how you can help with Sunday School for the 2011-2012 school year. Included with this issue of *Sidelites* you will find information on areas where volunteers are needed and what your

Pastor's Pondering: Capernaum

*"When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali."
(Matthew 4:12-13)*

"Home is where the heart is," so the saying goes. Jesus heart and Jesus made his home in fishing village of Capernaum. Capernaum is on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. Capernaum is frequently mentioned in the Gospels and was Jesus' main base during his Galilean ministry. Jesus taught in the synagogue of Capernaum (Mark 1:21; 3:1). Many familiar Gospel events occurred in this village. Capernaum is where Jesus first began to preach after the temptation in the wilderness (Mt 1:12-17). Capernaum is where Jesus healed a centurion's servant (Mt 8:5-13; Lk 7:1-10), Peter's mother-in-law (Mt 8:14-15; Mk 1:29-30); the paralytic who was lowered through the roof (Mk 2:1-12), and many others who were brought to him (Mt 8:16-17). From Capernaum Jesus walked on water and calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee (Mt 8:23-27). Jesus healed the woman who had an "issue of blood" (Matthew 9:20-22). Jesus healed the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath day in the synagogue (Matthew 12:9-14). Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fisherman from this community, and Matthew a tax collector.

People have asked me what it was like to walk where Jesus walked. As I have pondered that I realize every day we each walk where Jesus walks. For Jesus is present in us, among us, and around us. Where have you seen Christ bring healing? What words have you heard Christ speak and encourage you with? Jesus continues to come to communities, New Ulm included and asks people to come, follow me. How will you choose to follow Christ this summer? Does Jesus make his home with you? Home is a place of safety, rest, and relationship. Keep your eyes open and walk with Christ.

Pastor Joyce

Ladies of Our Savior's:

I just returned from a week with friends from high school. It was like having a big slumber party. It's hard to think of us being in our 60's and still having this much fun. The Lord was good to us. He brought us safely together and back home again. What fun we had!

On May 24, we took 54 quilts and 46 layette kits to Lutheran World Relief. If you have never been up there, it is worth the trip. What a beautiful sight to see the quilts stacked up and ready to be sent wherever there is need. They looked just like a rainbow. What a good thing the ladies do. Thank you all!

The Triennial Gathering is July 14-17 in Spokane, Washington. There are 8 ladies who will be going out to participate in workshops and listen to great speakers, one of whom is Leymah Gbowee, a peacemaker whose inter-faith efforts brought peace to civil war-torn Liberia. We will have the chance to meet other women and exchange ideas, hear great music, worship together and much more. Four women from our group will be taking part in a Walk, Run or Roll. The money raised will go toward raising heart-healthy girls and women. If anyone would like to sponsor us on our walk, please call me at 359-3084 or stop in at the church office. Thank you!

The Annual Quilt Auction at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer will be Friday, July 22nd (review quilts from 5:30 to 8:30 pm Friday and Saturday morning 8:30 to 10:30 am) with the live auction beginning at 11:30 am. This is a fun event!

I hope you all have a good summer.

Yours in the Lord,

Linda Postel



BOARD OF MISSIONS:

God richly provides for our daily bread—the earth can produce enough to feed everyone. Yet millions still go hungry. One billion of our neighbors are living in poverty. They struggle on less than a dollar a day—without enough food to eat or clean water to drink. Even in the United States, one

in ten households experience hunger or the risk of hunger—skipping meals, or going an entire day without food. Every few seconds...*the length of*

each breath we take... someone in the world dies from poverty-related causes.

ELCA World Hunger responds to global hunger and poverty by addressing its root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Between 70-75 percent of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally; 20-25 percent are spent domestically. You can help this vital ministry of the ELCA by supporting God's Global Barnyard. God's Global Barnyard includes projects that help feed people through the gift of animals and agriculture. Many people raise animals as a source of income to help buy food, and your gifts support this important work. Throughout the summer during the coffee hour we will have small barn banks for you to put in a donation. There are barn banks available if you wish to have one for your own home.

"I am very grateful for the cow."(Eritrea)

Letemariam Gebremichael lives in a remote village in Eritrea. The effects of war, poverty, and drought make her life very difficult. Her daughter and son-in-law were killed when a missile fell on their house. As a result, Letemariam is parenting her grandchildren.

After more than six years of a border war with Ethiopia, Letemariam and her neighbors returned to their villages and found their homes in total devastation. Everything—homes and livelihoods—had to be rebuilt from scratch. Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, through partner the Lutheran World Federation, are helping meet the urgent needs of the villagers, including distributing tents and constructing a permanent shelter for 200 people.

Last year, along with other women-headed households, Letemariam received a cow from the LWF. She says, "I am very grateful for the cow. My grandchildren now have milk to drink, and we have butter. I worry, though. I could feed the cow last year because there was enough rain. I worry about what will happen if there is no rain this year."

Thank you, generous God, for the ability to help neighbors in need. We pray for Letemariam, her family, and her village. Bless them with peace and their land with rain. Amen.

Thank You Notes

Thank you from Pro Kinship for Kids

As the director of Pro Kinship for Kids, I would like to take this time to thank you for your generous donation to us. The noisy offering Our Savior's Lutheran Church provided us along with the space you provide is a great blessing to us. These pieces in our ministry to the community youth are just worth so much. We will use the money to help with providing activities at our after school group activities times. Our group events provide opportunities for our youth to increase self-esteem, develop social skills, and build citizenship. We are able at these events to also provide quality interactions with caring adults. Thank you again for your support. It fills my heart with joy to know this church cares about the youth in the area and helps to provide for their needs.

Kari Beran, Director
Pro Kinship for Kids

Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for all your hard work in serving the meal following our dad's funeral service. We appreciate that your congregation took him into your flock at his time of need.

Jack Bloedel Family

We appreciate the many expressions of sympathy and prayers at the time of Keith's death. Special thanks to Pastor Joyce for the wonderful service.

Margaret Blasing~~Karla & Heidi

Our Savior's Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket! It is perfect and I absolutely love it! I have had such a wonderful time at Our Savior's and it is great to know I have such amazing people standing behind me as I start this new chapter of my life. Thanks again for everything!

Shalyn Salonek

Thank you for your prayers, and for thinking of Les and I while I was recovering from my surgery, and while Les was in the hospital. Thank you Pastor Joyce for the prayer shawls. God bless all of you!

Sincerely,

Les & Mary Roach

Thanks to Tom and Linda Postel for taking the quilts to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis. We appreciate them giving of their time.

In and Beyond Our Community...

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

27th Annual Quilt Auction

Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer (2 miles east of Spicer, MN on the south side of Green Lake)
Saturday, July 23 Auction begins at 11:30 AM
Crafts & Country Store; Silent Auction; Hog Roast
Lunch on Saturday 10:45-1:00

The Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir will be presenting a concert at American Lutheran Church in Windom-Sun., June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Thomas D. Rossin, will be sharing a variety of music from the classics to gospel. Everyone is welcome!

Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Courtland, MN

Join Immanuel Lutheran of rural Courtland in welcoming the Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir on **Monday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m.** Dr. Thomas Rossin is the director of the choir. This year's choir consists of about 40 Lutheran young people, including Stephen Bernau and Rebekah Holten from our area, who will be performing a wide variety of music from the classics to gospel. A free-will offering will be taken to help support the choir and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Adoption Information Meeting:

Thursday, July 14, 2011 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

LSS' Mankato office, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 710 South 2nd Street

Registration: Call Lynne Hagggar at **(612) 879-5230 or 1-888-205-3769**

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Adoption: Join us to learn about the exciting opportunities and recent changes in adoption. Discover the tools and support for families who would like a flexible, proactive adoption process, and learn how LSS can partner with you to grow your family. LSS can help families adopt children locally, and from countries around the world.