

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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

April 17, 2011

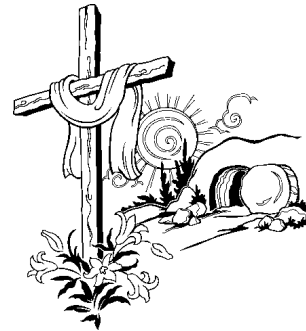
Greetings faithful disciples:

There are three phrases I have been pondering as I think about Easter Sunday and the great joy that day brings to our families, church, and our own personal lives. The first is: "*Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!*" Those few words which we hear each Resurrection Sunday are words I never get tired of hearing. Christ is risen gives us hope for a future and the promise that death does not win but life conquers all. Our God comes into our lives where we experience death of loved ones, the death of dreams, death of relationships, and many other deaths. God promises that the risen Christ comes into our deaths and speaks the word of life. Life-giving words such as, "Peace I give to you," and "Lo, I am with you always."

The second phrase is: "*I have seen the Lord.*" Mary Magdalene proclaimed that word of good news to the disciples on resurrection morning and I still hear those words ringing in my ear. Mary's words are simple, direct, hope-filled, filled with joy and excitement. Mary does not analyze her experience or question, "Was that really Jesus? Is he really alive?" Mary simply states a fact that she has seen the Lord. What about us? Have you had your eyes open to see the Lord? Whom have you shared that great message with that Christ is risen? May we boldly proclaim and live, these words, "I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!"

The final phrase is: "*Make no doubt about it.*" We say that phrase when we are confident, sure, or we want to make a point that something is true. The word doubt is not used in the Bible to describe Thomas. The disciples proclaimed to Thomas, "We have seen the Lord," and Thomas too wanted to see Jesus. Make no doubt about it Christ is alive and he breaks into our lives as he broke into the locked doors of the upper room. May we not doubt but believe that Christ comes to each of us and brings us his word of peace. The gift of Jesus rising from the dead is peace, the absence of strife and a sense of wholeness and life. May you experience the peace of Christ.

We invite you to worship!



Palm Sunday, April 17
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 21
Worship at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 22
Worship at Noon & 7:00 PM
Worship services at
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23
Worship at 5:30 PM

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 24
Worship services at 7:00, 8:30,
and 10:00 AM.

Easter Breakfast served
7:30-8:30 AM.

Ministry Focus

Please take a few minutes to check out Our Savior's website. You just may find many helpful things there.

www.oursaviorsnewulm.org

Recycled your newsletter, thinking you didn't need it anymore and now you would like to check out that article again? Past and current issues of *Sidelites* are available on the website.

Misplaced your calendar and don't remember when that event or board meeting was scheduled? Check out the monthly calendar, which is available on the Our Savior's website.

You put that form somewhere, but you just don't remember where? Forms are available online at the Our Savior's website for such things as upcoming youth events, sharing of your time and abilities forms, Sunday school registration, etc. You can access these forms online, print them out, fill them in, and drop them off at church.

Looking for a few helpful, informative links? On Our Savior's home page you will find links to other helpful websites, such as – Dwelling in the Word, the ELCA, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Living Lutheran, our SW MN Synod, Vibrant Faith Ministries, and the OSLC New Ulm Youth facebook page.

Our website is a work in progress and we welcome your input and suggestions.

Thank you so much to Beth Sletta, our faithful volunteer who does the bulk of the work with our website.

Spirited coming to Our Saviors!

On May 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Jonathan Cring and Janet Clazzy will delight us with an hour long performance filled with inspirational stories, faith commentary and wonderful music. Spirited comes to us highly recommended so we're very excited to have them here. We hope you can join us!

Jonathan Richard Cring comes with commentary speckled with great spirited humor, and music blending the finest of all the American styles, and insights on creativity, featuring Janet Clazzy on oboe and the WX-5 wind machine, a horn touting the sounds of over 250 instruments.

Jonathan and Janet were here in New Ulm last night (7/9) and I am happy to say that it was a delightful evening. Jonathan is a talented man and very gracious in sharing his music and faith. Janet is a wonderful complement and tremendous talent as well. The best thing I can say is that though we had a small crowd, it is the misfortune of those who did not attend that saddens me. Everyone who came had such good things to say about how the presentation touched not only their hearts, but inspired them to think about ways they might be more creative in expressing their own faith. I will heartily recommend SPIRITED to any who would be interested in a special evening of music and Spirit. Thank you all for your work and for the wonderful organization of both before and after. You made everything quite easy. **Tim Anderson, Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN (Thursday July 9, 2009)**

Walk to Jerusalem Update

There are 62 walkers on the imaginary walk to Jerusalem. We have walked 3645 miles since we started March 6th. We have 1485 miles to go to get across the Atlantic Ocean. On May 15th, we complete our journey by leaving our shoes at the altar for Soles for Souls.



Our Savior's youth will be at the **Way of the Cross** for Breakfast Club on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 AM. They invite you to attend this special devotional time. Meet at the Way of the Cross at 7:00 and be ready to leave by 7:45. We will have a bible reading, poem, or pray at each station. **Join us for this very special tradition.**

Self-Study Moving Forward!

Our self-study is moving forward at a fine pace with good participation. With two cottage meetings remaining at the time of this article, we have heard from over one-hundred people participating in the conversations, which makes me quite happy for several reasons. First, it shows people care about their congregation and where it's going. Two, the general themes emerging have been clear, consistent and very positive. I am thankful for all who attended and gave input and expressed concerns.

My transition Team which you nominated has been a gift in helping with this self-study. They have been interviewing boards, staff, and collating data into a spreadsheet and sharing it electronically so everyone is on board and up-to-speed on what's coming in from our conversations.

In early May, I am having a meeting with past OSLC Council Presidents to discuss pastoral tenures and legacies. Council Presidents have a unique perspective to offer on leadership, having worked with leadership and leadership issues directly. I expect this conversation to offer important clues as to the kind of leadership needed in a new Senior Pastor. Thirty invitations have been sent out to past presidents and confirmations to attend this event are already coming in.

The Transition Team is constantly, as time and schedules permit, working on the incoming data and preparing it for council examination and approval. Once complete and approved, it will be time to ask you for nominations for the call committee, sometime in the fall. Before the call committee is trained in to begin their work, we will feed back to you the data you gave us from conversations and surveys, probably between services in an open forum with myself and transition team members. We will keep you posted as we move along. Thanks for all your input, willingness to help, and especially all those who volunteered their homes for conversation!

Pastor Bill Odermann

The youth group is

sponsoring a rummage sale

Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April

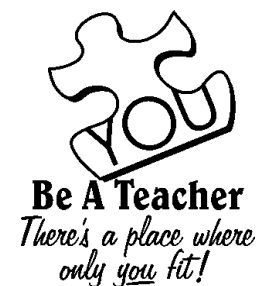
30. Do you have items you can donate? If so, please bring them to the church the week of April 24. Books, games, decoration, clothes, furniture, gardening items, etc. We cannot accept electronic items or furniture unless you are willing to take them back if they don't sell. We don't have a place to store items before that. Workers are also needed. See the youth bulletin board to sign up for working setting up, taking down, or working at the actual sale.



The Kwik Trip fundraiser is back!

Kwik Trip has offered to increase the amount we receive from the gift cards to 10%, so the youth group is once again selling these gift cards. Whether you buy coffee, gas, bananas or other items at Kwik Trip, consider using one of these gift cards to benefit Our Savior's youth. They also make great gifts! Kwik Trip gift cards will be available between worship services on Sundays and in Kathy's office during the week.

Rotation leaders are needed for **Arts and Crafts, Games and Science** for Session 5 (April 17-May 22). Please contact Kathy if you can help in one of these areas or if you have any questions about being a rotation leader.



Jesus Christ, Superstar on stage

WHERE: Chanhassen Dinner Theater

WHEN: Thursday, June 9

COST: \$41.50 (includes dinner & show)

Dinner – 6:00 p.m. Show – 8:00 p.m.

Checks payable to: OSLC Board of Fellowship
(pay any Board of Fellowship member)

MUST BE PAID BY May 1st!!!

*Sign up & more information on
bulletin board in social hall.*

Music Ministry

This year we have fourteen 6th graders that will receive ELW's for their years of being in the Children's Choirs and leading worship.

They are:

Jill Beranek, Jaydon Booth, Taylor Booth, Emma Bute, Mackenzie Depew, Claire Dobie, Rose Dobie, Sam Dobie, Caitlyn Drill, Colin Leuthold, Alex Lund, Michael Messenger, Sydney Oelberg, and Meleah Reinhart.

They have been a joy to work with and I'll miss them. ~~ Shannon Stuckey

There are seven 6th graders that have completed the hymn memorization project and will receive a With One Voice hymnal.

They are:

Taylor Booth, Emma Bute, Claire Dobie, Rose Dobie, Sam Dobie, Colin Leuthold, and Sydney Oelberg.

Congratulations!

YOUTH NEWS...

**The Youth Informer included with the last newsletter was for both April & May – The Informer is available online at www.oursaviorsnewulm.org*



Graduating Seniors – Mark your calendars for **Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 22, at the 8:30 worship service.** You will be honored at worship that day with a gift and prayer. During the fellowship hour you are invited to stay for coffee and cake.

Youth in Grades 7-12 – Don't forget to sign up for the Kids Against Hunger New Ulm Satellite Kick Off on Saturday, May 7. Sign up to package food for two hours that day. Did you know that you can package \$80 worth of food product in just two hours? Contact Kathy with any questions.

Summer Bible Reading folders will be available in May. The summer bible reading program is for all Sunday School students.



The folders contain ten bible stories and activities, bible verses to memorize, and instructions on how you can earn prizes and rewards for the number of stories you complete and verses you memorize. **Folders will be available in Kathy's office.**

Baptism Celebration!

On Sunday, May 1, parents and their children who are not yet in Sunday School, are invited for a time of learning, conversation and activities for children who are not old enough for Sunday School. **We will meet in the Upper Room from 9:45-10:45.** Our time will be spent by reading a bible story, doing an activity together and having a parent discussion.

Some of the most important years of growth in a child are zero-six years of age. Sunday School begins at age three. That means in some of the most important years we haven't done as much as we would like to help parents live out the baptismal promise to raise their children in the Christian faith.

Volunteers are needed to help parents with more than one child in this age group. For example, someone may need help holding a baby while they do an activity with their two year old. If you would be willing to help during that hour, contact Kathy at church.

Soles4Souls

The Board of Fellowship will be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls beginning May 1 and running thru May 15. Shoes may be deposited in the big blue collection box located in the social hall.

Food Shelf Thank you & Report – Our Savior's March Donations:

Thank you for your donation on this, our Food Shelf month and all that you do throughout the year. The New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf

Our Savior's contributed \$895 & 230 lbs. – Thank you everyone!

Our stewardship campaign is ...

Following Jesus Faithfully

When you stop to look at it, can you follow Him in any other way? Well, if you spend all of your time listening to the outside world these days – the world of cynics, negativity, second-guessing leadership – following anything faithfully just doesn't fit the bill anywhere!

We are experiencing a time when we are not encouraged to listen to leadership, but rather to look for loop holes and ways to refute. We have high unemployment, but never spend time considering the 90+ percent who are working, paying their bills and not losing their homes. We look at business. They defend their positions because they might be legal, but not necessarily ethical or what is right.

So what does this have to do with stewardship? Well, when living in this world of cynics and negative thinking, stewardship can become connected to recession, unemployment, weak markets, low wages, and high taxes – and now we can add earthquakes, the Japanese situation – and the list can go on and on and on! It creates a wonderful place to ignore church stewardship. It gives great reasons to not consider greater giving of our time, talents, and money.

But, deep in our hearts, we know that that type of thinking just isn't correct. We know that much of our world lives on less than two dollars a day. We know that as Americans we still have so much to share. And, at Our Savior's, we know that putting the two words WE CAN together, can move mountains, creating beautiful facilities, inspirational programs, steadfast staffers, creative endeavors involving community and international projects. That list also goes on and on.

So let's bypass as much of the cynicism and negativity as we can. No one expects things to go back to the world of Will Rogers, Roy Rogers or even Mr. Rogers! But, we do know the communications term – ROGER THAT – meaning Yup! I understand that, agree with that and will follow through with that.

Our leaders tell us if we increase our monetary stewardship by just \$4.30 per week, we can create the positive environment we need. Let's just ROGER THAT and move forward.

Diane Lambrecht

Pastor's Pondering:

In the next few Sidelites I will be highlighting places of significance in the life of Jesus that I visited on my recent trip to the Holy Land. To begin our journey in the Holy Land we start in the town of Nazareth.

Nazareth is a town of about 60,000 people in northern Israel, about 88 miles north of Jerusalem about 14 miles from the Sea of Galilee. Nazareth is not mentioned in the Old Testament. Jesus grew up in Nazareth. In Jesus' time, Nazareth would have had a population of about 500. In the Gospel of John, people who hear of Jesus of *Nazareth* ask themselves, "What good could come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46) To be called a "Nazarene" was having an evil reputation. We begin to understand the reason that Pontius Pilate wrote on the sign of Jesus' cross "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (John 19:19) – meaning that Jesus, "King of the Jews" came from "nowhere" of great importance.

Nazareth was the home of Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26), the site of the Annunciation (announcement to Mary that she would give birth to the Savior) and the town in which Jesus grew up (Matthew 2:23, 13:54; Luke 2:4, 2:51, 4:16). Nazareth is mentioned 17 times in the New Testament. Jesus eventually left the village for a wider ministry although he was always known to some as a "prophet from Nazareth in Galilee"

Here are a few references to Nazareth: Jesus grew up for about 30 years in Nazareth and it was the town that rejected him. (Luke 4:16-30) His disciples were known as Nazarenes. Jesus first taught in the synagogue in Nazareth (Matt 13:54; Luke 4:16). Once Jesus finished preaching about the Kingdom of God and the Nazarenes became violent. "He did many mighty works there because of their unbelief" (Matt 13:58) and He made His home in Capernaum.

Questions to ponder about Nazareth: The angel appeared to Mary in Nazareth and Mary praised God and said, "I am a handmaid of the Lord." How do you proclaim Christ? Where have you sensed the presence of God? Jesus preached in the synagogue at Nazareth and people questioned who he was and then were angry with Jesus. What questions do you have about who is Jesus? Who taught you the faith? What do you remember about worship from your childhood?

Pastor Joyce

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BLANKET

We all need a good blanket now and then. We may be tired, upset, suffering a loss, or just plain cold. A soft, comfortable blanket may be just what we need. That blanket does not create warmth. It allows our bodies to collect our own warmth and keep it close to us. The blanket does not give us sleep, but allows us to become comfortable and fall asleep.

A Stephen's Minister is a warm, comfortable blanket. We do not fix things. We do not offer advice or become judgmental. We do not solve problems or enter into family politics. We offer a warm, comfortable place where you can find ways to generate your own warmth and find ways to rest and return refreshed. We are there for as long as you may need us. We do not share any blankets or toss them aside. We decide together when it is time to fold up the blanket and put it into a safe place. That blanket can always remain nearby.

Many of us have close friends, a sibling, a spouse or co-worker who can help us. But sometimes no one is available, or a different approach is needed. That is where the Stephen Ministry can be of service. Spring is here and the sun is high in the sky. But, if for any reason you might need that extra blanket, let our pastors know. We are here to offer you that extra bit of warmth.

Stephen Ministers

Ladies of Our Savior's:

It's April and hard to believe Palm Sunday is here. Spring is here. To me this means new life around us. The trees are starting to bud and soon the flowers will be coming. Then there is new life in our Lord. What a joyous time of year!

Nine ladies from OSLC went to Lake Hanska Church on April 9th. We had good entertainment – a group called Melodies in Makeup. Could they sing! The speaker, Cindy Parelius, lived on a fishing boat before Hurricane Katrina changed life as she knew it. She gave an account of living through that catastrophe.

May is filled with great opportunities. Our Spring Brunch is Saturday, May 7th at 9 a.m. This is Mother's Day weekend, so let's honor our mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters and friends. Please

sign up for this event on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Let's have a great turn out!

May 14th is our Synodical Convention in Granite Falls. This should be a fun-filled day. There is still time to register. The WELCA Board has agreed to pay \$20.00 toward the registration cost. If anyone is interested, please call Linda Postel at 359-3084. There will be a sheet posted with information about entertainment and speakers. Take a look!
Ladies, all these gatherings are planned for you!
Yours in the Lord,
Linda Postel

Women of the ELCA:

Lutheran World Relief sent 319,610 quilts, 213,350 school kits, 174,975 health kits, 24,375 sewing kits, 85,100 layettes, and 38,570 pounds of soap to 24 different countries that were in need. You are making a difference. Thank you for your willingness to serve others in this way.

Health Kits –

(now changed to Personal Care Kits)

Items wanted include:

- 1 Medium weight bath size towel (52x27)
dark color recommended
- 2 Bath size bars of soap
- 3 Adult size toothbrush in it original package
- 1 Sturdy comb (without packaging)
- 1 Metal nail clippers (without package)

The above items make one Personal Care Kit. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose in plastic bag.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all who donated baskets and placed bids at the Basket Auction. The youth group raised \$2000 to help with summer ministries (bible camp and canoe trip). Thanks for helping grow disciples of Christ!

God Bless You All! Thank you so much for the lovely cards your special ladies send each month. It is so appreciated! I save them all and display at various times.
Gladys DeVelder

I'd like to thank Lloyd Julien for doing such a wonderful job cleaning up the cords by the piano in the Sanctuary. It looks so nice and will definitely be a safer "work" area. Thank you

Thank you to Angie Anderson, Heidi Wilker, Jim Jore, Scott Nelson, Hannah Nelsen and Miriam Jakel for leading us through Holden Evening Prayer throughout Lent. Your musicianship is greatly appreciated.

I just want to say thank you to the congregation of our saviors for awarding me with the Malm Scholarship. School is going great and I'm loving it. I'm currently studying Veterinary Technology and I love what I'm doing, working with the animals gives me a sense that I'm making a difference. We have animals on campus that come from local humane societies and we care for them and treat them for any problems they may have and they also get spayed and neutered and from there they all get adopted out to families from all over. The program is two years with a 4-6 week internship at the end. I'm very thankful for the support that the congregation has given me through the years, and still continues to give now.
Molly Meyer

In and Beyond Our Community...

WHAT: Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Jamie Dalle (Sister of Cheryl Beussman)

WHEN: Sunday, May 1 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

WHERE: United Church of Christ
301 South Minnesota Street – New Ulm

MENU: Turkey Supreme, assorted salads,
desserts, beverages (Takeouts available)

COST: Adults \$7.50 Children 7 & under \$5.00
Donations of help, cash, food, or auction items may be made by calling 359-4565. For those unable to attend, checks made payable to "Friends and Family of Jamie Dalle" may be sent to Citizens Bank Jamie (Windhorn) Dalle was diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia earlier this year. She has undergone three rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and a bone marrow transplant which will require an extended stay for recovery at a transplant house. This fundraiser has been organized to help Jamie

pay for her stay and other expenses not covered by insurance.

(Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent for Lutherans).

Phantom visits Mankato"

One of the greatest of the silent films will be shown in Mankato at 8:00 p.m., April 20, 2011 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street. This great classic movie will not be "silent," but made doubly exciting by the musical genius of our visiting artist, R. Jelani Eddington, Theater Organist of the Year, 2001.

Mr. Eddington will improvise a theater organ accompaniment to the film on the great pipe organ at the church. Eddington watches the film with the audience and creates music to go along with emotions and events depicted on screen, just like in the 1920's before movies with sound.

Tickets will be available at the door: \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Senior Adults and Students. The event is presented by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. For more information, visit

www.agohq.org/chapters/siouxtrails.

This great story of the "Phantom" began as a novel and then was made famous in a 1925 silent film. In 1986 the story became the longest running Broadway show in history. The story is about a disfigured musician who hides away in the sewers beneath the Paris Opera House, but brings terror to the members of the opera company. His terror is for the benefit of a lovely lady, Christine, who knows nothing of his double and tormented life.

This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.

The Clothing Depot – located at 1600 S Franklin offers free clothing to anyone – no referrals – come check us out. Hours are:
Monday evening – 6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday morning – 9-10:30 AM
Any questions – contact Lori at 507-276-6302