



OUR SAVIOR'S
Lutheran Church
NEW ULM, MN

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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM
Sunday worship – 8:15 & 10:30 AM
Education Hour – 9:25 AM

Regular Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; NU Telecom Channel 3)
Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

SIDELITES

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 19, 2015

Gary Maki Farewell

Reception in Gary's honor

Sunday, May 17 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Our Savior's Social Hall



After 28 years of service to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and over 30 years of teaching in New Ulm, Gary Maki will be retiring. He has brought so much to our community in so many ways. Our church choirs have learned so many beautiful anthems, Choral Cantatas, and musicals throughout the years. He's led worship services at the piano and organ, and when he first became a member he was on the Youth Board and chaperoned more than a few trips to places like Colorado and the Boundary Waters. He will be sorely missed.

It would be nearly impossible to count the people Gary has touched in his unassuming way, but there can be no doubt of the positive effect he has had on the scores of people who have participated in choirs or in the congregation. Gary has directed the Youth Choir and Adult Choir for many of his years at Our Savior's. That means that during the school year Gary is teaching and directing almost 50 different Anthems to the choirs. And that doesn't even count the music in the Cantata or special services that are scheduled! Now if you multiply that by the number of years Gary has directed, it's pretty amazing. Then if you think of the number of youth and adults that have participated in the choirs.....Gary has touched many lives.

Music has always been a large part of the worship at Our Savior's. We're known for having a strong choral tradition and that will continue. In an age when choirs are being replaced by Praise Bands, and the solo voice has become more prevalent than voices harmonizing, we have been blessed with having Gary and the choirs here to help carry on the choral tradition.

There will be a reception in his honor on Sunday, May 17th from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. in the Social Hall. A basket will be available for your cards of thanks.

Gary is a gifted musician and a great friend. Congratulations Gary and Blessings on a long and happy retirement!



Our Savior's Mission Statement

Our Savior's Lutheran Church:

- *A Welcoming Community, Experiencing God, Reaching Out and Raising Up Followers of Jesus Christ.*



Dear OSLC member:

As we move into Easter, and the time beyond, we can reflect on the season of Lent and all the gifts we receive as Christians. We are all fortunate to have had Jesus die on our behalf to save us from sin.

Another thing that all of us are fortunate for is the gift of ministry provided by all of the folks involved with Our Savior's Church. It takes all people from all walks of life to make this ministry work. We have a great staff that does a great job of providing leadership, spiritual support, and compassion to all members.

Part of this ministry involves financial obligations that OSLC is committed to as part of our operation. We want to thank everyone who invests in the ministries at OSLC on a regular basis. Without your commitment, we could not do the awesome things we do.

As a church council, we decided that we would put together a communication for all our members to discuss our financial situation. While our church continues to have a strong financial foundation, our 2015 first quarter giving is running behind budget. While everyone in leadership does their best to be frugal, our church has experienced continued increases in expenses. We fully understand that all families have experienced the same thing at the gas pump and the grocery store.

We encourage all of our members to have a family conversation about what you might be able to afford to help support the ministries of your church. For those families not giving regularly, we encourage you to think about making some kind of a regular financial commitment. (Online giving is an easy way to make this happen). It costs OSLC approximately \$25/family/week to provide all of the offerings we currently provide. If we all think long and hard, we could find something in our pockets to help our church by eliminating one small consumable per week. Maybe this is a 20 oz. soda, a cappuccino, or a handful of lottery tickets.

As elected leaders of the congregation, we struggle with asking for additional financial support from our membership during these times, but we feel it is prudent to be proactive. No gift or increase in regular giving is too small, but rather an investment in the faith family that we are all members of. Please evaluate any opportunities to help OSLC continue to carry our mission forth, for every member, every day.

God's Grace- OSLC Church Council





CYBER SAFETY

CATCHING UP WITH HIGH-TECH TEENS

A FREE Community-wide learning opportunity presented by Dave Eisenmann
(M.A.Ed., Director of Instructional Technology & Media Services at
Minnetonka Public Schools, assistant professor at the University of MN and
St. Mary's Univ. of MN - Minneapolis)

Wednesday, April 29th, 7-8:30pm
at the DAC (District Administration
Center) Auditorium



**FOR ALL PARENTS AND ADULTS: LEARN
WHAT NEW "APPS" ARE AVAILABLE FOR
YOUTH AND HOW TO KEEP THEM SAFE**



Synod Assembly

The 2015 Synod Assembly will be in St. Peter at Gustavus Adolphus College from Friday, June 12 (beginning at 3pm) until Sunday June 14, 2015.

There will be wonderful worship in the chapel, interesting speakers and an election of a new bishop. We are blessed to have Reverend Dr. James Mauney of the Virginia Synod as our Bible Study leader this year. **Please let one of the pastors know if you would like to participate in this event. Registration deadline is May 15.**



We are Church TOGETHER 2015 Bishop Nominee Forums

- April 26, 2:00-4:00 PM Zion, Litchfield
- April 26, 7:00-9:00 PM Trinity, Montevideo
- April 27, 7:00-9:00 PM Our Savior's, New Ulm
- April 28, 7:00-9:00 PM American, Windom

The forums will open with a brief devotion by the host pastor followed by an introduction of all of the bishop nominees. Each nominee will receive five minutes to make a prepared opening statement followed by questions submitted by the audience and responses from the nominees. After all written questions have been addressed, questions from the floor may be received as time allows.

Thank you for your participation in this important time of discernment in the life of our synod. We are grateful for your leadership in your own congregation as well as your support for the work of the synod.



National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7, 2015

There will be a Community Prayer service held at the New Ulm Community Center at 7pm. Leaders and Pastors from local congregations will lead prayers for our community. The 2015 Theme is LORD, HEAR OUR CRY which is based on I KINGS 8:28: *"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."* Please come and participate in this gathering time for us to pray with our brothers and sisters in the community.

CROP Walk – Sunday, May 3

Registration begins at 12:30 at the Putting Green. Walk takes place along the bike trail. Check out the mission bulletin board in the social hall for more information.



Save the date!

Church Movie Night – May 31

Wednesday Faith Night: Growing in Faith (April 22nd)

All ages and All families are invited to Grow in Faith this Earth Day by:



- Sharing a meal off the Grill (Thanks! Men of Our Savior's) **starting at 5pm**
 - Bringing a gift of **Food or Winter Clothing** to share with our neighbors
- Donated items go to:

- New Ulm Area Food Shelf
- Washington Elementary/Middle School

- Enjoying **Games and Activities** together from 5pm to 5:45pm
- **Worshiping together at 5:45pm**
- Hanging out with **your church family** after worship

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST

Beginning in the fall of 2014, Pastor Deb, Linda Heine and Harold Remme agreed to initiate the process of revising the constitution of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at the direction of the church council. In order to fully appreciate the scope of constitutional revision, a decision was made to examine the history of Our Savior's Lutheran constitutional revision.

The research of constitutional revision required examination of several documents found in the church offices. To borrow a biblical phrase, "in the beginning" we discovered that Our Savior's Lutheran had its beginning in 1947. In March of 1947 a group of people met at the Grand Hotel to discuss the possibility of forming a new congregation in New Ulm. The group continued to meet in the Pine Room of the Silver Latch Café for a rental fee of \$2.00 per Sunday. By May 1947, a group from Swan Lake joined them. In June of 1947 the initial constitution of Our Savior's Lutheran was adopted.

According to church records, By-Laws were amended at a meeting in March of 1948. On July 23, 1948, Our Savior's Lutheran was officially approved as a member of the Southern Minnesota District. As the congregation grew in numbers, they would meet at the Farmers Creamery Hall. On October 17, 1948, a \$31,000 loan from the Evangelical Lutheran Church was approved for the purchase of property and construction of a church facility.

At a congregational meeting on February 15, 1949, several revisions to the constitution were approved. Additional constitutional revisions/amendments were approved in 1957, 1967, 1973, 1973, 1982, 1989, etc. Additional revisions have been made during the past 25 years. Most constitutional revisions or amendments were minor in nature serving as clarification for local needs or to meet synod recommendations. They have also been based on "model constitutions" provided by the Synod and updated for congruency.

As the Constitution Revision Committee proceeds with the revision process, it will incorporate terminology and formatting consistent with the current Synod model constitution. The final revision proposal will be prepared with an emphasis of being all-inclusive and yet provide a structure, which emphasizes operational simplicity and efficiency.

Watch for future articles addressing what a church constitution is and why one is needed.

Harold Remme

Church Constitution & Bylaws



Spring Brunch
All Women of Our
Savior's invited

Date: Saturday, May 2

Time: 9:00-11:00 AM

Where: New Ulm Country Club

Cost: \$8.50

Program: Kathy Backer - Fun with Fashion

Music: Harpist, Lynda Bauer

Please sign-up on the sheet posted in the social hall.



Notes from the Board of Trustees and Church Council to keep you informed about some of the projects in the works in our building:

Social Hall Window: Aaron Lambrecht has consulted with the contractor for the window project. They believe the window needs to be replaced. He is contacting New Ulm glass regarding this project and will let us know the next steps. The council voted to support Aaron's work on the project and to fund it.

As we face this uncertain timeline, let's all be flexible and patient to accommodate the work that will need to be done. Fortunately with the nice weather it is likely that we can have children outside on Wednesdays, and Lent is done!

Furnace repairs: Trustees will be investigating the costs for replacing our furnaces as a long term solution to the problems we are having. Replacing the heat exchangers can be on hold for the present. Yesterday the city came and checked the CO2 levels and there is not an issue at present. They will be in conversation with the consultants in Mankato about the bill as well. We should await their direction on this project.

It was decided that these two projects need to be addressed before any dollars are committed or raised for landscaping work.

**Sunday, May 10
Appreciation
Sunday**

ALL VOLUNTEERS will be recognized and thanked during worship. There will be a special treat during fellowship time on May 10. Please join in showing appreciation for our many, many faithful volunteers.



YOUTH NEWS...

Sr. High Lock-in (GRADES 9-12)

Friday May 8th, 6pm-Saturday May 9th, 10am

**Games, food, worship,
movies, service, small
groups, fun!!!!**



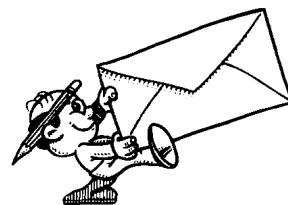
No cost! Bring friends!!!
Sign-ups available on
the youth board soon!

Newsboys Concert!!

Sunday, April 26th, 2015

Carpool leaves at 4:00 p.m.; concert at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$17.10 per student/\$22.10 per adult.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO GO!!

Space is limited so sign up ASAP. Deadline is April 19th! Forms are available on the youth board!



Youth Envelope Fundraiser HELP US OUT!!

The youth need \$1,500 more dollars to be able to attend the National Youth

Gathering in Detroit this summer. **From April 26 – May 20**, pick up an envelope or two with various amounts of money printed on them, stuff the money in it and return it to Zach's office! It's that simple!! **PLUS!** For every envelope you fill, the youth will come out to your house and perform a task as our thank you for your generous support! Jobs can include but are not limited to: raking, mowing, washing windows, and more!

Battle of the Churches – At Christ the King Wednesday, April 29, 2015 6:30 PM

Come ready for outdoor games, challenges and fun. 7-12 Graders welcome. (7-9 Graders, this is confirmation for you that evening.)

Parents – don't forget about the Cyber Safety Training the same night, 7:00 at the DAC!

Sunday School News!

I cannot believe how quickly this Sunday school year is flying by!

If you haven't signed up for summer programs (VBS or camp), it's never too late! Grab a form and join in the fun!

Here are some dates to double check for your calendar:

- April 22:** Family Faith Nite (5-6:30pm)
April 29: Cyber safety and kids
FREE presentation to parents
District Administrative Center
May 3: Family Sunday school
(9:25-10:25am)
May 10: Thank you Sunday
(8:15 and 10:30am)
Recognition for our many program volunteers
May 17: 12th Grade Milestone (8:15am)
May 17: Last Day of Sunday School
June 22-26: EVEREST VBS/Day Camp (9:00am)

If you have any questions, please contact me at becky@oursaviorsnewulm.org
Grace and Peace,
Becky

12th Grade Milestone coming May 17th!

Seniors in high school will be celebrating their final milestone on May 17th at the 8:15am service.

Please remember to give us your baby picture and senior picture by April 30th for the bulletin board. All other photos of fun times had here at church can be sent jpeg to Zach.

zach@oursaviorsnewulm.org

If you are a senior and have not received a letter from the church about this milestone, please contact becky@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

Looking forward to having you wrapped in God's love and warmth as you continue your life's journey!
Becky

Check what's been "hangin' out" across from the church office!

Everything from soup to nuts – well, someone's lunch bag anyway! There's a wide variety of outerwear, an umbrella, even a couple dinosaurs!

**Check it out!
Lost and found!
Outside the church office.**

*Items not claimed by June 1
will be donated.*

Thank You Notes

On behalf of my entire family, thank you to everyone for your prayers for my father these past months as he has struggled with failing health. Thank you for cards, kind words, hugs, memorials, and expressions of sympathy at his passing. Thank you to Pastor Deb and Pastor John for your prayers. We'd like to give a special thank you to Pastor John for visiting my father in the nursing home and for being with him and my mother the day of my father's death. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.
JoEllen & Dean Tessmer

Thank you to the monthly "kitchen crew" for cleaning out refrigerator. Just a reminder folks – please DO NOT leave food in refrigerators for any reason.

Zach & OSLC Youth,

Thank you so much for the care package. That was so thoughtful and such a nice surprise!
Thanks again!
Paige Olsen

"So many ways to serve.....and serving our God in so many ways."

Thank you to Carol Forsberg for laundering deacon and acolyte robes.

In and Beyond Our Community...

ECFE On the Go

ECFE On the Go is a new outreach program for public, private and homeschool families residing in ISD #88. If you have a child between the ages of birth to 5 and if your family is unable to attend a traditional center-based ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) class in New Ulm, then **ECFE On the Go** will come to you at your convenience! **ECFE On the Go** focuses on early childhood literacy and is **FREE** for participating families. At each of two visits, your child will receive age-appropriate books and educational toys. Please call the New Ulm ECFE office at 359-8417 or email Wendy at wbertrang@newulm.k12.mn.us for more information.

KJLY's "A Day for Women" A Living Tapestry!

Saturday, May 16

8:45 AM – 4:00 PM

All day.....\$30

Crossview Covenant Church

North Mankato, MN

Doors open at 7:45 – Registration, coffee, donuts and fellowship!

Kim Gravel – Former Miss Georgia, Singer, Songwriter, Life Coach, Mentor, Wife & Mother
Afternoon Presentation: 'Bed Turning' Presented by: Joni Nieman – A unique visual presentation of quilts, which display a history and story all their own.

Space is limited so call (507)526-3233 or go online to www.kjly.com to register

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes May 17. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by 3 p.m. May 7. Thank you.

Prairie Senior Cottages – Free Respite Care Offer

Do you know someone that is caring for a family member with memory loss or and could benefit from a little time for themselves? Prairie Senior Cottages can help. Our home-like, holistic memory care believes in treating people with dignity and respect. Our building is designed to decrease anxiety and increase confidence. Meals, snacks, activities, and much more is included during respite time. If bathing is becoming a challenge at home, we include that. We are offering two free days of respite care in April or May (2015) at our cottages located at 1304 Birchwood Drive, New Ulm, so that at home caregivers can have a healthy break. The devoted, specially trained caregivers at Prairie Senior Cottages will help our special guest feel welcome and comfortable.

If you are interested in this offer, please call us at 507-359-3420 during business hours or at 507-227-1497 during the evening or on weekends.



From the Mission Board:

We will be collecting food items for the New Ulm Area Food Shelf at all worship services the weekend of **April 25 & 26**.

Our Savior's worship services are broadcast on Comcast Channel 14; NU Telecom Channel 3 Monday – 7 PM; Thurs.—11 AM & 5 PM

Confirmation/High School Youth Look

Ahead: Confirmation May 6 & 13 – Movie "God's Not Dead"; May 13 – Last Day of Confirmation

High School Youth: May 10th – NO youth group for lock-in weekend. May 17th – Last formal youth group meeting for the summer.