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# SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 2018

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## May – A Month of Special Sundays

### May 6 – We're naming it Planting-Farming-Gardening Sunday

It's a day to give thanks to God for this season of new life. We will embrace our rural heritage with appreciation for the rich soil and water resources of SW Minnesota. Spring brings warmer temperatures, budding trees, and delightful color. Plus, it is a season when many of us are busy planting seeds. Seeds are always about hope. We will bless the seeds, pray for gentle growing weather, and take time to enjoy God's creativity. Come dressed in your gardening and farming clothes!



### May 13 – Mother's Day Sunday School Event

Our last day of Sunday School, May 13, we will be celebrating all the mothers out there. The kids will be making gifts from one of the projects from Earth Day AND joining the children's choir in singing at both worship services. **Parents, please bring your children to both church services on May 13!**

*We will send out more information when we get closer to Mother's Day.*

### May 20 – 12th Grade Quilt Milestone Sunday



Join us on Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 AM service (only one service that Sunday) as we honor our 2018 graduates with a quilt. We will have a slide show presentation of pictures so get there early to watch! Also, following the service we will serve **CAKE IN THE SOCIAL HALL** and invite you to sit and talk with the seniors as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives! Let's send off our graduates with the love of Jesus and Our Savior's!

### May 27 – Zach Hansen Send-off & Appreciation



Memorial Day weekend is Zach Hansen's last Sunday with us. It will be a Sunday to value and bless Zach's work as he heads off to his next ministry venture. We will shape the day with joy and humor as we treasure youth and children ministry. There will be a reception for Zach and Tanja between services. You will be invited to participate in a "thank you" card shower for him. We will include a "send off" litany in both services. And, as we cheer him on his way, we will create good ending memories for us all.

# Ministry Focus



Every year we honor the 6<sup>th</sup> graders of the Our Savior's children's choirs by presenting them with their very own, embossed hymnal. These young people have memorized many anthems and hymns, learned many of the liturgies that we sing as a congregation, and have spread the gospel through

reading the lessons and presenting musicals during our worship services. Some of these 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been in choir since kindergarten! Their involvement in the children's choirs has meant that they have been worship leaders for this congregation and I couldn't be more proud of them.

## The sixth graders honored this year are:

Sophia Cooke, Aiden Gieseke, Brooke Gramentz, Logan Kreilkamp, Bryer Lang, Logan Lee, Allie Lund, and Alicia Moldan

A supplemental hymnal will be given to two of the sixth graders who chose to do the hymn memorization challenge. Sophia Cooke and Brook Gramentz memorized a verse from 15 hymns and performed them for me to earn this reward.

Thank you!

Shannon Stuckey

Our Savior's Director of Music Ministries

## Spring Leadership Gathering All Ministry Teams, Council & Committee Members.....

Spring Leadership Gathering will be held Sunday,  
April 29 from 12:00-2:00 pm  
A light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to the church office (233-4430) by Friday, April 26. Thank you



## CROP Hunger Walk – May 6<sup>th</sup>

### Join us and/or donate!

Several of our local churches are involved to bring our neighborhoods working together to make a difference... in our community and in the world. Church World Service is the sponsoring organization for CROP Hunger Walk. It is a ministry that provides assistance to avert hunger and poverty – through water source development, disaster relief, and education in gardening and farming in the U.S. and throughout the world. 25% of the money donated is given to our local food shelf!!

The Brown County Area CROP Walk will be on Sunday, May 6th at 1 p.m. starting at German Park Pavilion. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Sign up to walk and/or donate! See the table in the social hall the last Sunday in April and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May.



**VOLUNTEERS:**  
VERY VALUABLE!

## VBS at Our Savior's – June 18-22!

A note from Julia Young, Our Savior's VBS coordinator:

We're looking for people who like to bake and garden! Would you like to help VBS daycamp youth doing service projects? Your help would be needed from 2:00-4:00 p.m. the week of June 18. We are doing a different project each day (bake cookies for shut-ins, plant a vegetable garden, pack boxes for college freshmen, make dog treats and possibly other projects. If this sounds like the opportunity you've been waiting for to help our youth help others, please contact Julia Young at (507)317-6270.

# Pastor's Page:

## Are You Getting the Message?

A long time before cell phones or land lines, the telegraph became the fastest method of long distance communication. Messages were sent and received using a device called a "key" that was used to tap out a series of pulses called the Morse Code. The telegraph was like email - an important source for getting messages to and from a wider world.

A job opening for a telegraph operator was advertised on a billboard in the local newspaper.

Applicants showed up at the address and found a sign instructing them to fill out an application. They were then instructed to wait until summoned for an interview.

Several applicants were waiting, when a young stranger arrived. He filled out his application and sat down. After just a couple minutes he stood up, crossed the room, opened an inner office door, and walked right through. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was happening. They muttered among themselves about not hearing any summons. They assumed the young stranger had made a mistake and would be quickly reprimanded and disqualified.

Instead, within a short time the employer opened the office door, and made a quick announcement: "Friends, thank you very much coming, I am pleased to announce the job has just been filled."

The other applicants were infuriated. One spoke up "Wait a minute! I don't understand! We have been waiting here for an hour, and that stranger comes in and gets the job? We never even had a chance to interview - that's NOT fair"

The employer replied, "I'm sorry! The whole time you have been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out a message in Morse Code. It said 'If you understand this message, come right in. The

job will be yours'. The person we hired did exactly that. And now the job is his."

God has messages for us. Are we listening? What are we hearing? We live in world filled with busyness and

noise. People are distracted and the chatter of life interferes with our abilities to understand

simple, quiet communication. Take a look around. May is a month when God's messages surround us... budding trees, colorful flowers, singing birds, green grass... Scriptures. In Matthew 17:5 God reminds us "This is my son, whom I love... LISTEN to Him!

This month there will be a series of Sundays for us to discover messages from God. And, there will be 31 days with multiple opportunities for pausing and listening for God's memos. What kind of communications will you be listening for?



*\*Take home message*



Pastor Gene

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## 2018 Synod Assembly

**"Do Not Be Afraid. It is I. Come..."**

**June 8-9, 2018**

**Redwood Area Community Center,  
Redwood Falls, MN**

**Theme: Do No Be Afraid. It is I. Come...**

**Theme Text: Matthew 14:22-23**

**Theme Hymn: "You Are Mine" ELW 581**

# Youth Dates Ahead!

April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of the Churches
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jammin Juniors Messy Game Night
May 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Junior High Lock-In
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Trip Meeting
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last night of Confirmation
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last night of HS Youth Group
May 11-12	Senior High Lock-In



**Check out** the youth board located near the restrooms located in the social hall for more information on events and sign-ups!

**Check out** the church website and visit the youth page for events and to download the spring 2018 youth calendar!



Church Camp

**Summer Camp Registration – Open now!!!**  
Pick up a packet from the camp table and register!

## Mystery Trip – July 15-22

**For 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth!**

May 6<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am in the Upper Room at church is a meeting to discuss packing lists and other details! All youth and at least one parent should plan to attend. Thanks

## Jammin' Junior's Messy Game Night Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm

**For all youth 4-6 grades**

Come to church to play messy games and have a blast! Please wear old clothing as you WILL get messy! Sign up on the youth board now!

## Lock-Ins! Junior High May 4-5

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade guys, gals & friends!



## Senior High May 11-12

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade guys, gals & friends!

6pm Friday – 10am Saturday!

Come for an evening of games, food, movies, devotions, worship and fun! Cost is free! Sign-up on the youth board soon!

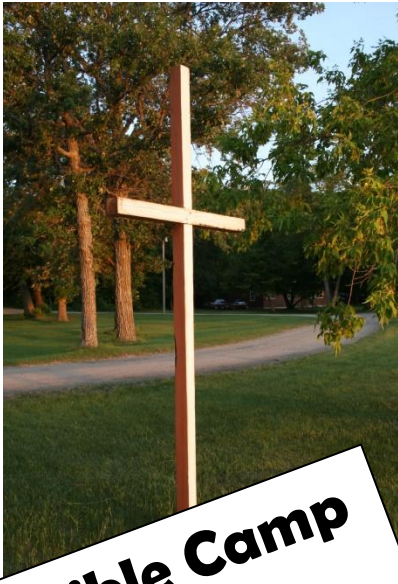


## ATTENTION ALL 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth!

**STARTING MAY 1 and going through MAY 25** the youth room will be open each weekday after school to hang out and play games, or do homework, or chat

and hang out! There will be a member of the youth team there each day from 3-5pm for those who are interested. No need to sign up and cost is free. Snacks will be provided! Come hang out at church and get your studies done or just relieve stress hanging out for a couple hours! Open every weekday May 1-May 25 from 3-5pm other than May 7 (No school).

**ALSO: The youth room is also open for Juniors and Seniors for open lunch.** Feel free to join us if you would like. Oven, microwave, fridge are available, and Zach will cook occasionally!



**Bible Camp  
2018**

**Parents!**  
**Do you know about one of the best secrets at Savior's Lutheran Church? It's our summer Bible Camp program. We want to get the word out and invite everyone to get jazzed up about going to camp this year! And, not only are we encouraging families to send their kids to camp! We're going to write checks and pay half the cost for sending our kids to camp!**

**Bible Camp! It is an awesome place to experience nature, learn about God's creating, find good friends, and feel treasured as a beloved child of God. It's also a place with an amazing lake for swimming, incredible**



**campfires, lots of good food, tons of places to hike, amazing outdoor games and plenty of music. There are nightly**

**campfires, the gentle sounds of sakatas, Bible studies, adventures, and discoveries. It's a safe place with a heart for kids. Bible camp is an experience your young person will love and remember for a lifetime.**



**Can you tell - I have a passion for camp! I would encourage you to get your registrations sent in now! A majority of our elementary age kids will be going the week of June 24-29th for Andy's Gang at Shores of St. Andrew. You are welcome to join us. And, if another week works better for your family - check out the other options! Camp is available to you for the entire summer :-)**

**And here's the offer - we will pay half the cost (up to \$225) for sending every one of our kids to Bible Camp in 2018. And if you know someone who needs more help, please let me know. Camp is such a valuable experience we want everyone to have the opportunity to go. We will find a way to make it happen!**



*Pastor  
Gene*



# OSLC Bulletin Board

## April 2018



### Adult Ministry Team

1. May 20<sup>th</sup> Prayer Walk in Flandrau
2. June movie at OSLC
3. Book study in summer

### Deacon Ministry Team

1. After switching to individual communion cups for Communion, it was decided to purchase plastic recyclable cups.
2. Instructions will be put up in Sacristy on how to set up and how many trays needed.
3. Discussion was held on options for people who have a hard time with the individual cups.

### Missions Ministry Team

1. New Ulm's Own Fair Trade
2. Food packing project
3. Adult mission trip

### Youth Ministry Team

1. Basket Auction was a huge success
2. Lock Ins Coming up for Jr/Sr High
3. Continued prep for summer trip

### Church Council

1. Working on Communication from Council to Teams and Congregation.
2. Julia Young hired as VBS Coordinator and Pastor Dave set to attend the summer youth trip!
3. Getting excited for the leadership meeting.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have items for the May newsletter to JoEllen by **May 10**. Thank you.

## Thank You Notes

**To all the ladies at church,**

Dave was surprised and so happy to receive such a beautiful prayer shawl you made for him. That green is his favorite color. I'm paraphrasing what Dave expressed to me on the phone. I mailed him some extra clothes in the box with the shawl. He only commented on the shawl. He will be in the hospital for awhile, so mail is good. I'm so appreciative of your prayers.

One day at a time. All I can do too is pray. Dave says few words, but I believe God will keep helping him feel stronger.

Thank you, ladies, for the sunshine you made and gave to Dave.

Peace in Christ,

Judy Ganske

(Dave is the son of Joe & Judy Ganske)

## Community News

**Cross to Glory in Concert**

**Friday, April 27 – 7pm**


**State Street Theater Co. – New Ulm**

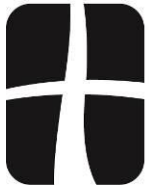
**\$5 at the door**

Pastor Chris Christenson and his daughter Phoebe will present a concert of his recorded Christian music on Friday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. They will be singing and sharing his music with guitar and violin at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State Street. Chris is the son of Lloyd and Helen Christenson.

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

# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Text Study - Pastor's Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>5:15 PM</b> Personnel Committee	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> MOPS Leadership <b>11:00 AM</b> WELCA Board <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open Homework/Chatting/Snacks <b>3:45 PM</b> Celebrate Choir <b>4:20 PM</b> Jubilate Choir <b>5:10 PM</b> Hosanna Bells <b>5:30 PM</b> Mission Ministry Team <b>5:45 PM</b> Youth Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:15 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>3</b> Interim Pastor's Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>4:00 PM</b> Prokinship Monthly Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>6:00 PM</b> Jr High Lock In (Rescheduled from 4-13)	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 AM</b> Jr High Lock In (Rescheduled from 4-14) <b>8:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Worship</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Planting-Farming-Gardening Sunday</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Fellowship Ministry Team <b>9:25 AM</b> Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Young Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Mystery Trip Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Prokinship	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Text Study - Pastor's Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cards of Caring <b>9:00 AM</b> MOPS Full Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Beautiful Savior Circle <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open Homework/Chatting/Snacks <b>3:45 PM</b> Celebrate Choir <b>4:20 PM</b> Jubilate Choir <b>4:50 PM</b> Choir Faith and Fun Worship Service <b>5:10 PM</b> Hosanna Bells <b>5:45 PM</b> Youth Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:15 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>8:15 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>10</b> Newsletter Articles Due Today <b>9:00 AM</b> Immanuel Circle <b>1:30 PM</b> Ridgeway on 23rd Service <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Leader's Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open Homework/Chatting/Snacks <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr High Lock In (Rescheduled from 5-4)	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 AM</b> Sr High Lock In (Rescheduled from 5-5) <b>8:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Worship</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Mother's Day Sunday School Event</b> <b>Sunday school children &amp; Children's Choirs will sing at both worship services.</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Worship <b>9:25 AM</b> Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Young Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>14</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Ridgeway on German Service <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>4:00 PM</b> Oak Hills Service <b>4:00 PM</b> Prokinship <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Ministry Team Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Text Study - Pastor's Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons Ministry Team	<b>16</b> <b>Wednesday Choir, Faith &amp; Fun Vogel Fun Day!</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>17</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>18</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>4:00 PM</b> Prokinship	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Culture Keepers Meeting
<b>20</b> <b>ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship- 12th Grade Milestone	<b>21</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks <b>4:00 PM</b> Prokinship	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mission Quilting Day <b>9:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Text Study - Pastor's Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>23</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>24</b> First Call Pastor's Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>25</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Room open for Homework, Chatting, Snacks	<b>26</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Halvorson Wedding <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Worship</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Send-off &amp; Appreciation for Zach Hansen</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>28</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Offices Closed	<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Text Study - Pastor's Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



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