
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

January 2017

Congregational Meeting



*Sunday, February 5th
Our Savior's Social Hall*

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the **Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Thank you to all our ministry leaders who served in 2016!!!

Your willingness to serve and participate in ministry through your leadership has made a difference in our congregation!

Dale & Lois Aufderheide
Deb Bastian
Judy Bastian
Scott & Shelly Blumhoefer
Troy Booth
Danielle Borchert
Charlie Bornhoft
Tiffany Bredeson
Carol Brennan
Linda Brown
Sherri Dittrich-Reinhart
Rose Dobie
Caitlyn Drill
Jean & Sven Eelma
Jeff & Becky Eikanger
Morgan Eikanger
Brian Emerson
Carl Enck
Polly Glaser
Eric & Patty Gramentz
Judy Gramentz
Kathy Green
Bob Gruenhagen

Mert Gustad
Sharon Hansen
Gene & Annette Haynes
Linda Heine
Ashley Hendricksen-Rasche
Kitty Hietala
Dan Horsmon
Nikki Hubert
Mavis Jones
Deb Kaehler
Katie Krenz
Duane Lambrecht
Beth Madsen
Darlene Meier
Shilo Melendez
Brett Olsen
Cathy Olson
Christine Peters
Gaelan Piotter
Tom & Linda Postel
George & Karyl Putnam
Patricia Radloff
Chip Rasche

Harold & Maxine Remme
Brenda Ruch
Rae & Kathy Runck
Shane & Steph Rustin
Ted & Betty Sauers
Jim & Marj Schmidt
Ron & Bernice Schmitz
Rod Schumacher
Jim Senske
Brian & Mary Lou Serbus
Beth Sletta
Sarah Spoon
Madison & Melissa Sunderman
Jay & Vickie Tambornino
Joey Warta
Becca Warta
Char Webster
Barb Wurtzberger
Patricia Young
Kris Zetah
Marlys Zetah

Ministry Focus

Epiphany



JK Rowling is the author of the ever popular Harry Potter series. Her mind and imagination are filled with ideas, but she admits that: "There's nothing better when something comes and hits you and you think 'YES!'" This is an EPIPHANY. In other words, when something previously hidden becomes clear, appears to us in a moment of realization; or is revealed to us as true or right over time it is an EPIPHANY.

In Christianity, we celebrate the season of EPIPHANY after Christmas and before the season of Lent to acknowledge the realization of the world that Christ is the Son of God. We begin with celebrating the visit of the Three Kings or Magi on January 6. In the following weeks in worship we focus on the events in Jesus' early ministry: Baptism, temptation, miracles, teaching, and the Transfiguration.

In the Old Testament, God's love is shared through messengers and prophets, but the people of Israel struggle to accept God's ways. The full light of God is hidden by the darkness and sin in the world. In Jesus Christ, the light of God is brought fully into the company of humanity. Father Richard Rohr puts it this way:

Why did Jesus come? Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity. It didn't need changing. God has organically, inherently loved what God created from the moment God created it.

Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God...Jesus shows us what it looks like for God to be incarnate in humanity. He holds together the human and the divine so that we might follow him and do the same.

This season of Epiphany, let's all take time to see where the light of God is present in our daily lives, in our world, and here at Our Savior's. I challenge you to reflect on the past year and ask yourself:

**Where did God surprise you in your daily life?
At Our Savior's?**

**What do you want to explore this year to see God
in a new light?**

**For 2017, what would you like to pray for in the
world and our community?**

Pastor Deb

From Your Church Council

In February 2016 Our Savior's voted to update our governance structure with an elected Church Council, ministry teams, and committees. Our first year with this structure has gone relatively smoothly, and we continue to clarify roles for decision making. Your Church Council has focused on creating a strategic plan with goals and priorities. We will be sharing more details of this plan, as well as our thoughts on direction for the future at the upcoming Annual Meeting on February 5.

Please plan to attend Our Savior's annual meeting to hear more about your Church Council and how the year has gone. Additionally, if you are a leader or new leader please mark your calendar for February 12 and 4 pm for our Leadership Gathering to begin the year. A light supper will be served.

Save the Date

2017 Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN. All are welcome! Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Worship & Youth Leaders, Pastors...Everyone! *See Pastor Deb or Pastor Dave for further information!*

Wild Game and Games!



January 29th at 5:00 PM
we will be joining in
games and a wild game
feed at Our Savior's.

Starting at 5, we will gather and share in the bounty of wild game. Bring your catches or your favorite wild food from the shop!

After supper, we will be playing cards, board games, maybe even some Gaga Ball! We want our adults to know that OSLC is a place to worship, grow, and have fun. Bring your own game or join in one of the preplanned ones.



Join us for dinner, games, or both! Childcare will be provided.



If weather is in question, please listen to KNUJ, 299, or WCCO radio for cancellations and postponements. The church council has determined that as a congregation we will follow weather and travel recommendations. For midweek classes and programs, we'll follow the lead of the public schools. If ISD 88 dismisses early, choirs and confirmation will not meet.

Christ in Our Home

Christ in Our Home is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day. Copies are also available in a large print format.

Copies of *Christ in Our Home* are available in the social hall. Please help yourself to a copy!

Dates to remember....



Mount Kato 2017 Trip!!

Sunday, January
22, 2017

→ Jammin' Juniors Tubing—1:00-6:00 PM

→ 7-12th Grade Skiing—1:00-9:00 PM

Pick up a registration form on the youth board!

Boundary Waters 2017 Summer Trip July 30 – August 4

For 7th-12th grade youth!

Registration now closed. Look for fundraisers to come!



**January 25 - No confirmation
for finals week**

Sunday school calendar at a glance:

January 22: Milestone

3 year old preschoolers 8:30am Worship 9:25am Class

February 19:

No Sunday School – President's Day Weekend

February 8- New Ulm Steel Faith Night- more details to come!

Senior High Youth Gathering
March 10-11, 2017
More information to come!



Jammin' Juniors Messy Game Night
March 12, 2017



Vogel Family Fun Day!!

Sunday, February 26, 2017! More details to come!



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

Thank you to our volunteers who make these broadcasts possible.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

There is still time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for the year. Consider sharing your dollars with Our Savior's Lutheran Church this year. You can do so at the [Thrivent website](#) or contact Carl Enck, your contact for Thrivent at (507)354-4005. ***You have until March 1, 2017 to designate your 2016 dollars.***

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes February 19. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by February 9. Thank you.

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Community News...

Dear Friends at Our Savior's,

Thank you so much for your contribution of \$30.00 from your Thanksgiving loose offering. Thank you for your generosity, and also for responding to the urgent need to provide an emergency shelter for single-mother families in New Ulm. Your church has gone "above and beyond" supporting the families of NUMAS Haus, and we are so grateful to you!

With deepest gratitude,

Rev. Jo Anne Taylor

Pastor, First United Methodist Church

President, NUMAS Haus Board of Directors

We want to thank all who prayed for us, sent cards, called or inquired about us when we were each in Abbott Hospital this past fall. Mavis would also like to thank whoever sent the beautiful poinsettia via the Wilkers. It is gorgeous. We feel fortunate to belong to such a thoughtful and caring congregation.

Lynn and Mavis Jones

Thank you to Carol Brennan and Linda Wieland for the wonderful job they've done giving some of our common areas a new look with a fresh coat of paint! They've done an awesome job!

Thank you to Tom & Linda Postel for all their work with our milestone faith chests. All their time doing the finishing touches is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the furniture in our new seating area. This is a generous gift for all to enjoy.

Thank you all for your prayers, cards and phone calls when my daughter-in-law Suzanne passed away.

Mary Dagner

Sunday Morning Bus Service

Are you or someone you know in need of transportation to church on Sunday mornings? If so, call on the friendly, reliable and courteous drivers of the Brown County Heartland Express Bus Service. They can pick you up at your home or apartment, take you to church, and take you home again.

The cost is reasonable, the service is convenient and easy to use, and it's for all ages. For further information or to arrange for a ride, call Brown County Heartland Express by 3:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the Sunday you'd like your ride (359-2717). In case you need to cancel a ride that you've scheduled on a particular Sunday morning, just call Heartland Express by 7:30 a.m. that Sunday morning and leave a message on the answering machine.

Prescription Take Back Program

Take it To THE BOX

**New Ulm Police Department
15 S Washington St
New Ulm, MN**

Do you have unwanted medications around your home? Help protect your family, your community, and the environment by properly disposing of them.

What to bring to the collection:

- ❖ Expired or unwanted prescription medications
- ❖ Un-needed or expired over-the-counter medicines
- ❖ Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member, or pet
- ❖ Drugs that are no longer used
- ❖ Medicine from deceased family members
- ❖ Unknown tablets and capsules

(*Leave all medicines in their original containers if possible)

Children in Church

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKS, "NOW, JOHNNY, TELL ME FRANKLY DO YOU SAY PRAYERS BEFORE EATING?" "NO SIR," LITTLE JOHNNY REPLIES, I DON'T HAVE TO. MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK."

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

SHE WAS ALTERNATELY STROKING HER OWN CHEEK, THEN HIS AGAIN.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



A BOY WAS WATCHING HIS FATHER, A PASTOR, WRITE A SERMON.

"How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A 6-YEAR-OLD WAS OVERHEARD RECITING THE LORD'S PRAYER AT A CHURCH SERVICE, "AND FORGIVE US OUR TRASH PASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO PASSED TRASH AGAINST US."





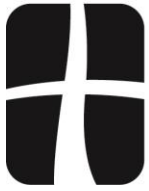
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FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 AM WELCA Board 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	2	3	4 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
5 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	6	7 5:15 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	8 New Ulm Steel Faith Night 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:10 PM Wed. Choir, Faith & Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	9 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle	10 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	11 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
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26 Vogel Family Fun Day 8:15 AM Worship - Children's Musical 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Children's Musical 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	27	28 9:00 AM Mission Quilting Day 7:00 PM Church Council				



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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

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community, experiencing **God**,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ