
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

January 24, 2016

New Year, New Constitution, New Boots?

When our first snow fell a few weeks ago, I found I needed a new pair of winter boots. The old ones were comfortable, but completely worn out. I found a good pair on sale, and the first day I wore them my feet hurt terribly! I adjusted the laces and changed my socks. They still hurt. But I just kept wearing them. Finally after two weeks my feet adapted to the new boots. I still miss my old ones, but I have to say, I LOVE my new ones!



We all love getting new things (like boots), but it's sometimes hard to adapt to them isn't it? At our Annual meeting in 2016 we will be implementing our new constitution and electing new leaders. Much prayer, thought and discussion has taken place to improve our organizational structure and recruit leaders. All this has a purpose: so we might continue to work together as the Body of Christ and effectively minister to God's world.

Our Savior's is an active congregation with many people of all age groups coming here to find God in the midst of our fast paced world. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us "*You will find trouble in the world—but, never lose heart, I have conquered the world!*" *John 17:33*. May we be patient, positive and rely on the promises of God during 2016 as we adapt to our new constitution and welcome the leaders who have stepped forward to serve.

I am excited for the New Year at Our Saviors. I look forward to new ideas for connecting more people to God's word, helping everyone grow in faith and caring for those in need in our community. Thank you to everyone that has worked hard to welcome, plan, recruit and prepare us to serve together as followers of Jesus Christ!

Blessings,

Pastor Deb

Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sunday, February 7 – 11:30 AM

Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting to be held Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. In addition to the normal agenda items of ratifying the budget and electing a new council, boards and team members, we will be voting to ratify the revision of the Constitution. This will be the culmination of a two year process to update our Constitution.

We need a quorum of 75 members in order to have the meeting, so your attendance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Brett Olsen
Council President

BOARD MEMBERS AND LEADERS THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Thank you to all those members who served in 2015. Your willingness to serve and participate in ministry through your leadership has made a difference in our congregation! Thank you for sharing your gifts with Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



*Ash
Wednesday*

**Ash Wednesday Worship – at Our Savior's
Wednesday, February 10 – 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.**

LENTEN
Schedule

Mid-week Lenten Worship Services will be held at Our Savior's February 17 & 24; March 2, 9, & 16. Service time is **6:45 p.m.** Our Lenten theme is ***"God's Chisel: Become God's Masterpiece"***. Lenten Soup Suppers will be served throughout Lent, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Ministry Focus

February Bible Study

The Bible Study that will begin in February is entitled, **24 Hours That Changed the World.**

Rev. Adam Hamilton will take us to the places in the Holy Land by a DVD presentation and a book that comprise the 24 hours before Christ's death. You can sign-up for a book at the cost of \$13.00 now by contacting Pastor Bill.

The study begins with Jesus gathered with His disciples in the Upper Room to celebrate the Last Supper. The study will give all an opportunity to not only see, but discuss the impact this 24 hours had on the world and has on the lives of the followers of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior.

The 8:30 AM Saturday Morning Men's study will begin on February 6th with the Sunday morning study at 9:30 AM beginning February 7th.

You are invited to come and walk with Christ these 24 hours.

Hope to see you there.

Pastor Bill

Our Savior's Lutheran Annual Congregational Meeting – Proposed Revised Church Constitution

After 15 months of study, review, revisions and feedback sessions, Our Savior's Lutheran Church membership will consider approval of the proposed revised church constitution.

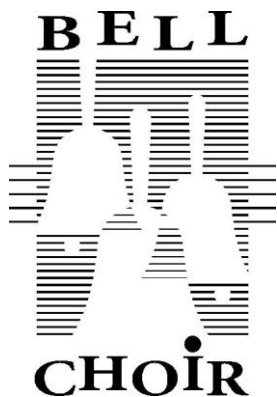
The process of constitution revision has been time and energy consuming. The Revision Committee has followed a step-by-step process. Once the committee research was completed and revisions proposed, those revisions were vetted by the OSLC Church Council and various committees and boards.

Two key action items will be on the agenda for the February 7 OSLC Annual Congregational meeting. The first action will be to approve the revised constitution. Once the revised constitution is approved a second key action will be to approve recommendations from the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommendations will be reflective of the revised organizational structure in the new constitution.

Under the new organizational structure, the Church Council will be composed of newly elected members plus church officers and pastoral staff. Former boards and committees will be renamed as "Teams". The various Teams will no longer be required to send representatives to attend all Church Council meetings.

Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church with questions about the details of the Proposed Revised Church Constitution are invited to contact either: Pastor Deb, Linda Heine or Harold Remme

The Board of Mission has designated the January 31st Noisy Offering be given to the youth for their Brevig, AK Mission Trip.



Do you want to try something new and fun for 2016!!! Do you enjoy puzzles and engaging your mind? **Try Handbells!** Rehearsals are from 6–7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Come and have some fun!!

Music at Our Savior's

Music at Our Savior's has always held a special place in worship and we are very blessed to have so many wonderful musicians that are willing to share their gifts with us. I'd like to say a special thank you to those musicians who made our Christmas Season so wonderful.

I'd also like to thank our new choir directors, Anna DeGraff and Holly Kaderlik. They have done a great job this fall. Their energy is contagious and I really appreciate the talent that they've brought to Our Savior's.

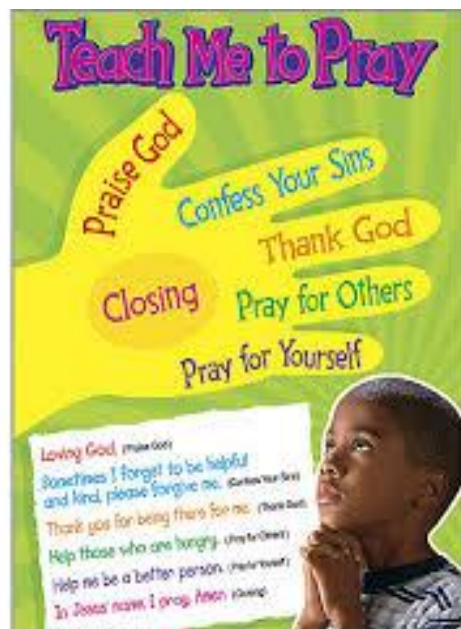
The children and I have already started working on the musical "What's Up, Zak," the story of Zacchaeus. We will be presenting the musical to the congregation during our regular worship services the last weekend of February. For the last 12 years, we've had 60 – 65 children involved in Children's Choirs. Every Wednesday they arrive on the church bus ready to have fun! I really appreciate Becky Eikanger and Zach Hansen who plan activities for the kids when they aren't in choir. As Pastor Bill said in his sermon earlier this month....there's a lot of energy here on Wednesdays! But the most important part of Wednesdays is that they are learning how to be strong worship leaders, and learning about scripture through anthems and hymns. I'm so proud of them, especially during worship. I really appreciate what they bring to Our Savior's and their families for supporting the Music Ministries.

Thank You!
Shannon Stuckey



PRAYER

Prayer will be one of our main themes in Sunday school 2nd Semester. As with anything, the more they pray, the more comfortable they will be and the more they will do it. Please take time each day to pray with your child(ren). Here is a Five Finger prayer helper! Before school, at mealtime and at bedtime are great times to pray! Enjoy!



If weather is in question, please listen to KNUJ, Z99, 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.

Vogel Family
Fun Day!!

Sunday, February 28
Fun for all ages!
Details Soon!



Sunday school calendar at a glance:

January 24: 3 year old preschool Milestone 8:30 Worship Class w/parents during Sunday school
*If you have a child in our preschool who is older than 3 who did not receive a preschool Milestone, please contact Becky Eikanger.

February 17: 7th Grade Milestone 6:00 PM Class with parents 6:45 PM Worship

March 6: 10th Grade Milestone 9:30 AM Faith Panel w/parents 10:30 AM Worship

March 2, 9, 16: 5th Grade Milestone 5:30 PM in the Upper Room (required)
*Please contact Becky Eikanger if you have a child who is in 6th grade or older who has not received communion classes.

March 24: 5th Grade Seder Supper 5:00 PM in the social hall

March 24: 5th Grade First Communion Worship 7:00 PM in the sanctuary

Milestone Ministry at Our Savior's



**Recognition of Holy Baptism
Sunday, January 11, 2016**

Thank you to Jim Schmidt, Hillard Johnson and Tom & Linda Postel for the construction of the Faith Chests that were given to each child.

23 baptisms in 2015!



Mission Trip 2016!!!

Brevig Mission, Alaska
June 23-July 1

We will travel to Alaska and lead a VBS, learn about the native Alaskan culture, fish, take in the Alaskan scenery, do work projects, lead devotions and more. For 7-12 grade youth!!
Registration Packets on youth Board! **NEXT MANDATORY MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 5PM AT CHURCH.**



Senior High Youth Gathering March 4-5, 2016

For all 9-12th grade youth
Cost \$50 dollars

This year's band and speaker is Agape!!
Registrations are on the youth board and are **due February 14th**!

Feed My Starving Children Trip Saturday February 13th, 2016

12:30-11pm, Cost \$40 per person
All adults, youth, families with children grades 5 or above are welcome!
Registrations are on the youth and mission boards and are **due January 31st**!
Space is limited so sign up soon!

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 to designate your 2015 dollars.**

Aaron Serbus benefit

Tracks for Aaron

January 31, 2016 – 1:00-4:00 PM

Turner Hall, New Ulm, MN

Burger Bar; Silent Auction; Live Auction; Games

Donations are being accepted for Aaron.

Please make checks payable to:

Tracks for Aaron – C/O Bob Webb

PO Box 427 – New Ulm, MN 56073

Our Savior's is in need of volunteers to set-up, serve/bus tables, and/or help with clean-up for this fundraiser. Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the social hall!

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Thank you to Barb Wurtzberger for sharing her time and talent in making the white paraments for our Epiphany season.

Thank you to the Board of Fellowship members, Scott Kathman, Shannon Stuckey, Brenda Nielsen, Lynda Bauer, and any others who help remove Christmas decorations throughout the church.

Dear Our Savior's Family,

When I sit with my beautiful green prayer shawl every day, I am reminded of all my church family members who prayed for my speedy recovery. I had an excellent shoulder surgeon at Mayo who gave me my life back by performing a reverse total shoulder replacement which took all my pain away.

Now I'm still doing daily therapy. Each day I count as a blessing with no pain. God has been very good to me.

I pray every day that my church family stays strong and together leads with a good example, as we must.

In God's Grace,
Judy Ganske

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes February 21. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by 3 p.m. February 11. Thank you.



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February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 AM Joe on the Go	2 5:15 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Board of Youth	3 11:00 AM WELCA Board 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:15 PM Celebrate Choir 4:00 PM Jubilate Choir 5:00 PM Hosanna Handbells 6:00 PM Rejoice! Ringers 6:00 PM Youth Singers 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	4	5	6 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
7 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Board of Fellowship 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Study Group 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	8 8:00 AM Joe on the Go 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	9 6:30 PM Board of Education 7:00 PM Board of Stewardship	10 NO Confirmation Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15 PM Adult Choir	11 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle	12 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	13 7-12 Grades Sharing & Caring Hands Event 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 12:30 PM Feed My Starving Children Event 5:30 PM Worship
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21 Jammin' Juniors Waconia Indoor Water Park 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Study Group 9:30 AM Board of Trustees 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth Mission Trip Meeting 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	22 8:00 AM Joe on the Go	23 9:00 AM Mission Quilting Day	24 Mid-week Lenten Worship 3:15 PM Celebrate Choir 4:00 PM Jubilate Choir 5:00 PM Hosanna Handbells 6:00 PM Rejoice! Ringers 6:00 PM Youth Singers 7:15 PM Adult Choir	25	26	27 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Children's Musical Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship - Children's Musical 6:00 PM High School Culture Keepers Meeting
28 Children's Musical Vogel Family Fun Day 8:15 & 10:30 AM Worship - Children's Musical 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Study Group 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	29 8:00 AM Joe on the Go					



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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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OUR **SAVIOR'S** is a Welcoming
community, experiencing **God**,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ