
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

March 20, 2016



Thursday, March 24th

Maundy Thursday

5:00 PM – 5th Grade Seder Supper

7:00 PM – Worship Service

Friday, March 25th

Good Friday

Noon – Service of meditation & music

7:00 PM – Worship Service

Saturday, March 26th

Easter Vigil

5:30 PM – Worship Service

Sunday, March 27th

Easter Sunday

8:15 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Worship Service

Holy Week leads us to Easter

Easter comes early this year, so I'm glad spring seems to have done the same! I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming services.

On March 20 we will celebrate Palm Sunday commemorating Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem.

During Holy Week we will remember Jesus' journey to the cross starting with the Seder Supper for First Communion class on Maundy Thursday. This is the meal where Jesus washed the disciples feet, and shared bread and wine—the original First Communion.

On Good Friday, we will remember Jesus' death on the cross with readings and music so we might reflect on the depth of God's love for us.

The Saturday Easter Vigil helps us wait for the joy of Easter morning when the tomb was found empty.

On Sunday, March 27, we will sing with joy "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" and celebrate Jesus' triumph over the power of evil in his resurrection.

"Alleluia He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

May you have a Blessed Easter and know the power of the Living Savior in 2016.

Pastor Deb



Ministry Focus

Dear OSLC Friends in Christ,

As you know, the youth have been working hard to raise money for their mission trip to Brevig Mission, Alaska this June. I first want to thank you for the overwhelming support you have shown for the stock sale and the basket auction. I also want to ask for your continued support in our efforts to raise money in the future. I would also like to take some time to answer some questions that have come up about the mission trip. This is a trip that is unlike any OSLC youth have done in the recent past. It is truly a unique experience that will give a lasting impression for years to come. Here are some commonly asked questions and my best attempt to answer each one:

Q: Why Alaska?

A: This came from multiple fronts. #1- Last summer's VBS theme was Everest. The youth saw an amazing presentation about this place called Brevig Mission from Pastor Deb's sister Ginger, who lives there. This sparked the interest of the youth. Also, through conversations with our seniors and other youth, Alaska was brought up as a desired place to go for the next mission trip. Knowing the opportunities and connections we had in Alaska, we truly felt now was the time to try and make it happen.

Q: Last summer's trip to Detroit was expensive, why book another expensive trip a year later?

A: Because of our connections, we are able to make this trip happen for \$200-300 LESS per youth than our trip to Detroit. So while this trip is more on the expensive side, it is still a great price for the kind of experiences the youth will take part in. The total cost for each youth is \$1,500. Of that, \$1,200 is for the plane ticket. \$300 is for food and other miscellaneous items. We are staying at the church for free, and able to do other activities without any cost because of our work with Pastor Brian and Ginger.

Q: Alaska is a pretty nice place to go on a mission trip, why the need to go somewhere so extravagant?

A: Yes we are going to Alaska. However we are going to a place called Brevig Mission. This place is occupied by natives of the land, and is a small village in northern Alaska. There is limited running water and facilities, no cell phone service, and is truly an example of what it is like to live with limited resources. Youth will be staying in a one room church on the floor, will have limited access to the school building which is where the bathrooms and showers are with limited running water. This experience will be similar to a boundary waters experience and will help our youth to understand what it is like to live without the luxuries we have been blessed with in New Ulm.

Q: What kinds of things will the youth be doing there?

A: We are working with Ginger and her husband Brian, who is the pastor of the local Lutheran church in the village on a number of different projects. The youth will plan and lead a vacation bible school for the kids in the village, work on some painting and repair projects around the village, experience some learning opportunities of the Alaskan culture, fish, experience native Alaskan meals, and witness what it means to live below the poverty line. They will also have nightly worship and devotions written and lead by Zach and the other adult leaders on the trip.

Q: How are families and the church paying for the trip?

A: The total cost for each youth is \$1,500. Of that \$1,500, families are paying half, \$750. In addition, each year the church allocates \$15,000 for the overall youth budget. In 2016, \$8,000 of that \$15,000 is going toward the mission trip. This comes out to about \$300 per youth. The remaining \$450 per youth is what is fundraised by the youth via the stock sale, basket auction, and other fundraisers.

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Ministry Focus.....continued

Q: Who is going on the trip?

A: 25 youth in grades 7-12 are signed up, and 6 adults. Zach of course is one of those adults, as is our Children's ministry director Becky Eikanger. Becky is going as a chaperone, and her role on the trip will be to advise and help the youth plan the VBS, as that is her area of expertise.

In an effort to reduce costs of the trip, the chaperones have been asked to contribute a significant portion of their own cost, to be finalized depending on the result of the fundraising efforts.

Pastor Deb will also be in Alaska during that time however, Deb will be going on her own ahead of time. She will be enjoying some vacation and paying her own cost for the plane ticket. She will be aiding the trip by getting food up to the village.

We have had two awesome meetings so far, and will have 2-3 more where the youth will learn about cultural differences and more. I ask for your prayers for the 25 youth and 6 adults that are ready to go on this trip. Pray that they experience God's love in a whole new way, and they learn a way of life so different than that which they know from our beloved town. Thank you all for your support. This church and the people that make it are truly a blessing from God.

In Christ,
Zach Hansen
Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Our Savior's – Feed My Starving Children 2016

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.

NEXT MANDATORY MEETING: APRIL 3, 5PM.

Jammin Juniors Messy Game Night

Sunday, April 3, 2-4pm

For 4-6 grade guys and gals!! Sign up on the youth board and bring an ice cream treat to share!!!



Jammin Juniors Mystery Dinner

Sunday, April 24

LOCK-INS!!!!!!!

Mark your calendars for this year's youth lock ins!

Jr. High- Friday April 15th-Saturday April 16th!

6-8 grade guys and gals and friends!

Sr. High- Friday May 6th-Saturday May 7th!

9-12 grade guys and gals and friends!

CAMP REGISTRATIONS

As you know, there is no formal camp Sunday this year because Green Lake does not have the early bird discount. That being said; please think about getting your camp registrations in soon, as camps spots fill up quickly!! If you wait until the May 27th deadline it may be too late! Thanks!



Spring Leadership Gathering

**Ministry Teams, Council &
Committee Members.....**

Mark Your Calendars!

Spring Leadership Gathering will be held
Sunday, April 17 from 6:00-8:00 pm
with a light supper served.

Council Update:

Your new Church Council held its first meeting of 2016 on February 23. Harold Remme oriented the council regarding their leadership role and responsibility according to the revised constitution. The council began to discuss goals for the future and the upcoming Leadership Retreat in April. The council looks forward to a good year!

Call Committee Update:

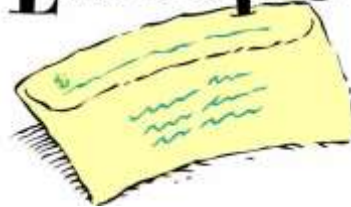
Your Call committee has continued to meet to interview pastors for the Associate Pastor call. Currently there are three more candidates we have plans to interview in the next few weeks. We recently met with Linda Pedersen from the Synod office. She encourages us to trust that God is at work to bring us the right person, and the Synod staff is working hard to help us. Please continue to pray for the work of the committee and our next pastor.

A note about your church offering envelopes

Our Savior's has a contract with a company that prints and mails out our offering envelopes on a quarterly basis. If you are ever missing envelopes or just haven't been receiving envelopes and would like them, please don't hesitate to call JoEllen in the church office and we'll get that taken care of for you.

The envelope company neglected to include Easter offering envelopes in sets sent out, that is why you recently received a mailing with only an Easter contribution envelope.

Offering Envelopes



The Our Savior's Mission Ministry Team will be collecting food for the food shelf the weekend of April 2 & 3, 2016. Items can be brought to the church any time prior to that date, and put in the barrel.

New Ulm Food Shelf Items Needed:

Boxed or instant potatoes
Canned fruit
Canned meals
Peanut butter
Jelly





**What does it mean to be Lutheran?
Join us for LUTHERAN
ENRICHMENT!**

All children in grades preschool - grade 6 will have an awesome 4 week course helping them to better understand what it means to be Lutheran! Each grade has a topic that they will work through as a class using a workbook, Bible and teacher help! Here are the grade level topics:

- Preschool: This Is My Lutheran Church
- Kindergarten: My Book about Jesus
- Grade 1: We Worship
- Grade 2: The Lord's Prayer
- Grade 3: My Bible
- Grade 4: The 10 Commandments
- Grade 5: The Sacraments
- Grade 6: Meet Martin Luther

Please plan to be in Sunday school each week in April!
See you there!

WHAT: New member orientation

WHEN: April 14 – 5:30 PM

WHO: Those interested in membership at Our Savior's
New Members will be received in worship on April 16 and 17.

If you are interested in attending this class and joining Our Savior's, please speak with either Pastor Deb or Pastor Bill.



Children's Musical "What's Up Zac?"

Sunday School Calendar

- March 27:** No Sunday School Happy Easter!
- April 3, 10, 17, 24:** Lutheran Enrichment Classes for Preschool – Grade 6
Please come to Sunday school as much as possible these weeks.
- April 10:** 4th Grade Milestone Worship: 8:15am Class: 9:25am
- May 8:** 12th Grade Milestone Worship: 8:15am
- May 11:** Last day Choir Faith & Fun Vogel swimming party
- May 15:** Last day of Sunday school
- June 13-17:** **CAVE QUEST** Vacation Bible School!
Registration forms available in the social hall or on our website! Bring a friend!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for the cards, prayers and best wishes after I had my shoulder surgery. Thanks to Pastor Deb for the beautiful prayer shawl she gave me. The women of the church make such beautiful prayer shawls. I am recuperating well and start therapy March 7. Thank you!

Lynn Borchert

Prayer Shawl Ladies,

The shawl is most beautiful and I want to thank you! Your prayer is so lovely and so very meaningful with all the wonderful words! I will wear this not only at home but during my treatments. Thank you so much again for thinking of me and I will enjoy the comfort & warmth; and also the healing.

As always,
Fritzie Hagen

Thank you to all the cooks, servers and clean-up crews who made our Lenten Suppers. Every meal was delicious and the enthusiasm of all the volunteers was wonderful to see. Thanks to all the youth and music team members for the meaningful worship.



**Ash Wednesday Worship
Our Savior's Youth**

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes April 24. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by 3 p.m. April 14. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Home 2016 Health Care Career Scholarships

Applications for the 2016 scholarships are due to Luther Memorial Home by Monday April 11, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Scholarship Goals:

- Encourage health related careers among southern Minnesota Lutheran youth

Number of Scholarships:

- 7 - \$500 scholarships for students in the Luther Memorial Home service area including but not limited to Madelia, Lake Crystal, Amboy, Butterfield, Odin, St. James, New Ulm, Hanska, Truman and Trimont.

Eligibility Requirements:

- High School seniors or current college students from LMH Service Area enrolled in or planning to enter an accredited college to pursue a career in health care.
- A scholarship preference will be given to active youth members in one of the Lutheran congregations that support Luther Memorial Home.

Qualifications:

- Applications will be reviewed with a focus on the students' goals and aspirations and academic record.
- GPA and relevant classes
- Participation in school, church, community and volunteer activities
- All students must submit an application and personal statement sharing their goals in Healthcare.

Application forms available in the Our Savior's Church Office.

Email questions to Julie Morgan, Luther Memorial Home at schmorgan2@gmail.com



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April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
3 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Jammin' Juniors Messy Game Night 5:00 PM Youth Mission Trip Meeting 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	4 8:00 AM Joe on the Go 6:30 PM Stephens Ministers	5 5:15 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	6 11:00 AM WELCA Board 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service 3:15 PM Celebrate Choir 4:00 PM Jubilate Choir 4:00 PM Holy Baptism Class 5:00 PM Hosanna Handbells 6:00 PM Rejoice! Ringers 6:00 PM Youth Singers 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	7	8 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	9 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
10 NO High School Youth Group 8:15 AM Worship - 4th Grade Milestone 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	11 8:00 AM Joe on the Go 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	12 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team	13 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 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 6:15 PM Adult Ministry Team 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	14 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 5:30 PM New Member Class	15 Junior High Lock-In	16 Junior High Lock-In 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
17 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM High School Youth Group 6:00 PM Spring Leadership Gathering	18 8:00 AM Joe on the Go	19 6:15 PM Missions Ministry Team 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry Team	20 6:00 AM Men's Study Group 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	21 1:00 PM Area Youth Workers Meeting	22	23 8:00 AM All Board Retreat 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship- Piper Polich baptism
24 Jammin' Junior's Mystery Dinner 8:15 AM Worship 9:25 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM High School Youth Group	25 8:00 AM Joe on the Go	26 9:00 AM Mission Quilting Day 7:00 PM Church Council	27 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	28 9:00 AM Quilt Tying & Potluck	29	30 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship



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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

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