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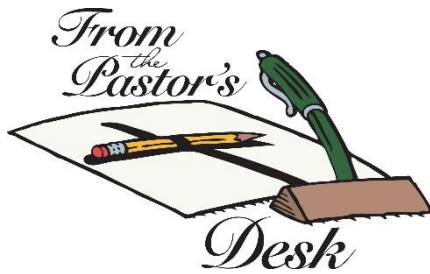
# SIDELITES

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

February 2024

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## Fat Tuesday and Lent

Fat Tuesday is the feast before the Lenten fast. It is traditionally the night people used up all of the rich and fatty foods before beginning the fasting of Lent, and so it was truly a feast. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and this year that is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. That means Fat Tuesday is February 13<sup>th</sup>. At Our Savior's, the youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July are serving a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper to raise funds.

While most Lutherans don't fast for Lent, it is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent begins with ashes, reminding us of our human mortality and our need for God. During Ash Wednesday worship, we repent and turn our hearts away from sin and we turn to God. Through God's mercy and forgiveness, we are made a new creation. The season of Lent is a time we reflect on all Jesus Christ has done for us and sacrificed for us. If you are someone who appreciates the discipline of fasting or "giving up" something for Lent, consider the ways you can use this to grow in your faith.

In both feasting and fasting, God is with us. As a congregation, when we are together and when we are apart, God is with us. This year we will again journey through Lent together as we walk with Jesus to the cross. Before that journey through Lent begins, let's feast! Come and enjoy a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and support our youth who will be attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering New Orleans. Let's enjoy Fat Tuesday and give thanks to God for all of the feasts we experience. Let's celebrate God's gift to us and celebrate that whether feasting or fasting, we are church together!

Pastor Kathy

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## Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM

Wednesday LinC† will meet on Ash Wednesday. There will be no Confirmation, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group, Choirs, or Wednesday Supper.

## Midweek Lenten Worship - Making Change

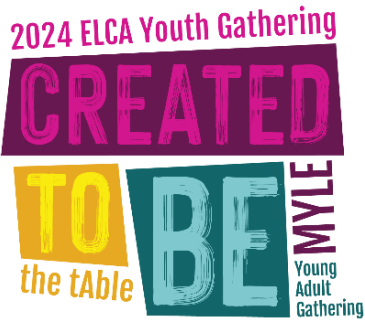
Change is a constant in our lives and a difficult problem to navigate. Whether it is change in work, health, stage of life, plans, or something else, our faith will be the best guide through all storms and shifts. Gather on Wednesday Evenings to sing Holden Evening Prayer (a peaceful time for meditation and reflection) and hear about the promises that God makes to us, being with us through all that life throws our way.



***The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 11:30 A.M.***

# ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans Upcoming Fundraisers

## Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



### “\$2/\$4/\$24 for The Gathering”

New Orleans is 2,400 miles round trip from New Ulm. On 2/4/24, we kick off a fundraiser to raise \$1/mile for this great event. Will you consider giving \$2, \$4, \$24, or \$240 to send our youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering? While the kick-off is 2/4/24, donations can be made until we reach our goal! You will find a poster showing our progress in the Social Hall.

## From New Ulm to New Orleans



### "Created to Be" Youth Gathering 2024

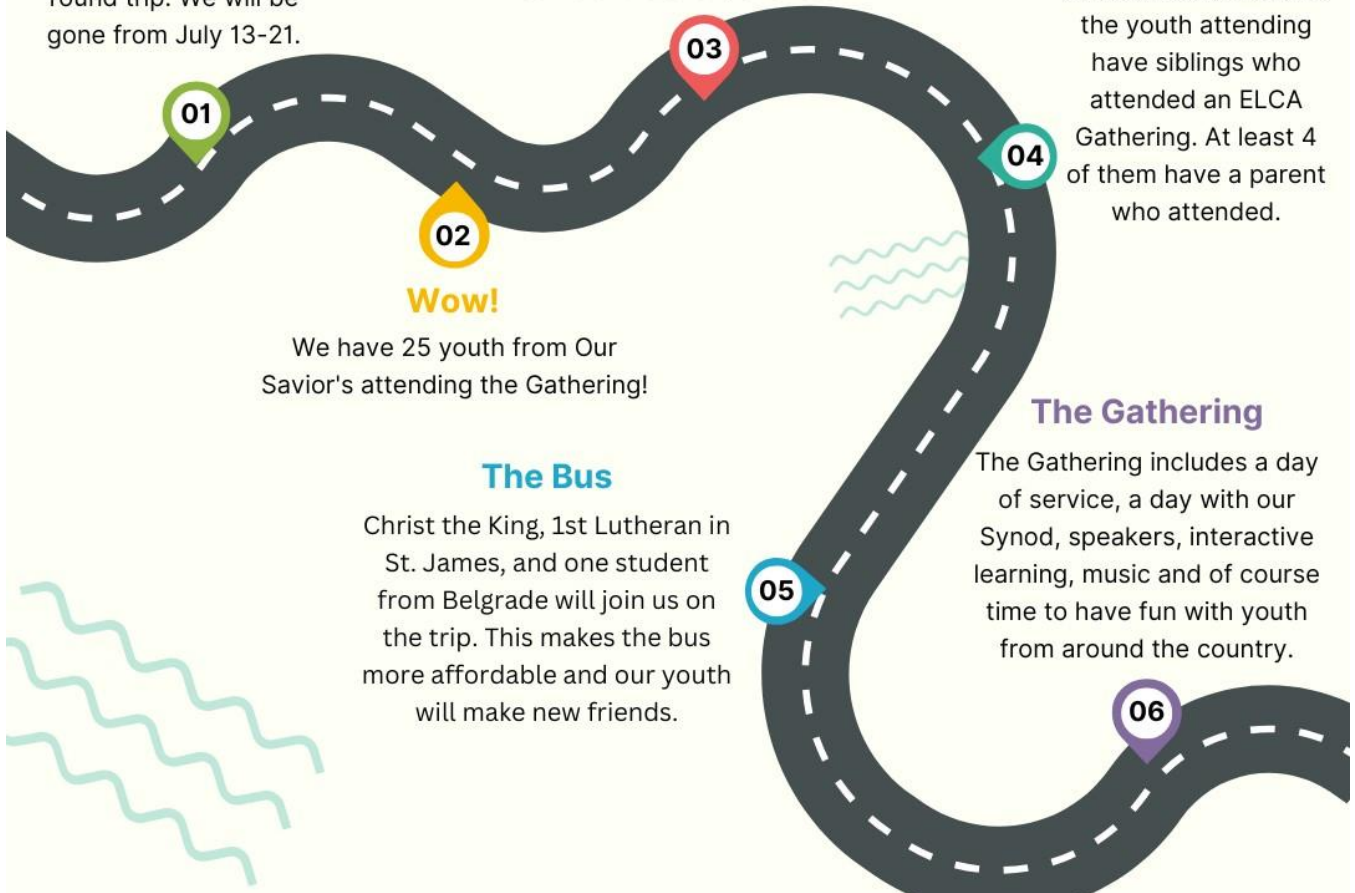
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We will give our youth the opportunity to experience more than the Gathering. The Arch, a swamp tour and the WWII museum in New Orleans are some of those experiences.

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The 2021 Gathering was canceled. None of the youth attending have siblings who attended an ELCA Gathering. At least 4 of them have a parent who attended.



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### The Bus

Christ the King, 1st Lutheran in St. James, and one student from Belgrade will join us on the trip. This makes the bus more affordable and our youth will make new friends.

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### The Gathering

The Gathering includes a day of service, a day with our Synod, speakers, interactive learning, music and of course time to have fun with youth from around the country.

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# ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans Upcoming Fundraisers

**2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser**  
**February 4th between services**



Cinnamon Rolls



Caramel Rolls

**PLUS! To-go Pints of Chicken Supreme and Shredded Ham.**  
**\$9 per pint.**



**Free Will Offering for Rolls**

To-go pints of meat to freeze or reheat! 4 packs of buns will also be available for \$2.00/pack.

## Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

***YOUTH PANCAKE FUNDRAISER***

**All proceeds will go to the ELCA Youth Gathering trip.**  
Pancakes, sausage links, apple sauce and gluten free option available. Takeout option available.

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**  
**5:00 - 6:30**

Cost per person \$8.00  
\$4.00 for 10-year old's and under





Congratulations to our Adult and Children’s Choir Director Madeline Cacciatore-Warta and her husband Joey Warta on their birth of their daughter! While Madeline is on maternity leave, we welcome Alyssa Nissen as our Children’s Choir Director, and Alex Blegan as the Adult Choir Director.

### **Confirmation During Lent**

Confirmation will still be meeting during Lent, but only as small groups. We will meet for 15-20 minutes after Lenten Worship (which is also required of our confirmation students). During which time we will go through "highs and lows" and some reflection questions from worship.

### **Wednesday Night Suppers**

We are so grateful to be gathering on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM - 6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinC† programming.



January 31<sup>st</sup>: Carnitas                      February 7<sup>th</sup>: Baked Potato Bar  
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 Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – No Meal

### **Lenten Suppers**

Join our ministry teams each Wednesday of Lent from 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM for a great meal!

February 21 <sup>st</sup>	WELCA Deacons Ministry	BBQs and Chips
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children’s Ministry	Pizza
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Ministry Facilities & Grounds	TBD
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council	TBD
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Ministry Mission Ministry	TBD

### **Mission Prayer Corner:**

Holy God,

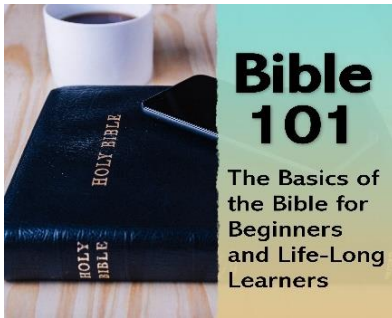
As our world, and lives, continue to experience many areas of turmoil, help us remember that your peace is within our hearts. Help us feel that peace and be enabled to reach out, wherever we can, to share that peace, and reduce suffering. Amen.



The food library is a ministry of Our Savior’s. We are looking for people who would help keep the food library filled. It is kept full of food that will not freeze, and anyone in the community can stop by and pick up needed food. The food we have for the food library is in the wooden box outside the church office. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy or a member of the Missions Team.

## Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on **February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM!** *Event for Adults 21+.*



### Bible 101

Sundays between worship services and Mondays at 1:30 PM

**Beginning February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

What do we know about the Bible? What questions do we have about Scripture? What is the meaning of "The Gospel?" All of these are big questions that we can work through together as a church. Come to either time, to join in asking the basic questions of our faith. No tests, no quizzes, no prior knowledge needed. Come and learn together!

### **Applebee's Night for 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 PM**

Our Savior's will be buying some appetizers; you buy your own pop; we all have fun growing together as a community! See you there!

### **Snow Tubing for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Meet at church at 12:45 PM (we are taking a bus). We will return around 4:15 PM. \$20 per person. Parent chaperones are needed!

**Sign up with Lindsay, or on the Youth Board!**



### **Faith & Books**

Faith and Books will not meet in February. We will meet again on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM. Our book for March will be "*Remarkably Bright Creatures*," by Shelby VanPelt. The April book will be "*The Book of Lost Friends*," by Lisa Wingate.



The **Watonwan River Conference Assembly** will be held on Sunday, February 25, at 2:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran in Madelia. Our Savior's Church Council is looking for interested volunteers to represent Our Savior's at the assembly. Please contact Pastor Kathy if you are interested or would like more information.

Our Savior's is on one of the congregations who founded **Living Meadows at Luther – Madelia, Care Center**. The annual meeting for Living Meadows will be held on the evening of Tuesday, February 27. We are searching for two delegates to attend this meeting. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kathy.

### **WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**If weather is in question, please check our website and Facebook page for any cancellations or postponements.** Be sure to 'like' and follow us at [facebook.com/oslcnewulm](https://facebook.com/oslcnewulm) to stay up to date! For midweek classes and programs, we'll follow the lead of the public schools. If ISD #88 dismisses early, LinC†, choirs, Confirmation, and groups will not meet. We will also not hold evening supper.



## *Notes of* **THANKS**

Our Savior's Lutheran Members,

We want to thank you for your generous donation to our program at River Bend. We were able to use the funds to purchase personal items for student use. Thank you,

- River Bend Work Program

Dear Members of Our Savior's,

Thank you so much for your donation of shampoo/conditioner and toiletries. As you know, most of our residents need everything, so this is quite helpful! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and God bless you all.

- Your friends at NUMAS Haus

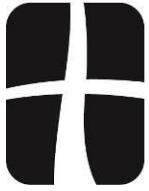
Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation. These funds will be used to help Crisis Nursery families in our community with emergency child care. With gratitude,

- Kate Hengy-Gietz, Lutheran Social Services Crisis Nursery, Mankato Area

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Noisy Offering Sunday <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Budget Meeting 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	<b>30</b> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	<b>31</b> 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation <b>7:30pm Worship</b>	<b>1</b> 10:30am Ridgeway Memory Care Service 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	<b>2</b> 10:30am MRCI Group	<b>3</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Visitation for Susan Nelson 11:00am Funeral for Susan Nelson
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## **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM *Thru 2/7/24*

Lent Wednesday Worship – 6:30 PM

## **Television Broadcasts**

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

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