
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

March 2024



Palm Sunday – March 24th

Worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt will be held between services at 9:45AM!

Candy donations are appreciated, and can be left in the box outside the church office.

Maundy Thursday – March 28th

Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

First Communion will be celebrated at 7:00 PM

Good Friday – March 29th

Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

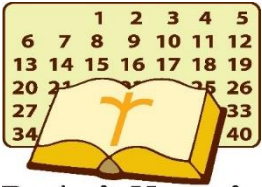
Easter Sunday – March 31st

Worship at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 10:00 AM

The 8:30 AM service will also be Live on Facebook.

Lent 2024 – Making Change

- **February 28th: Change of Habit** Bad habits are hard to break. The letter to the Galatians urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ.
- **March 6th: Change of Circumstances** We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God in all circumstances.
- **March 13th: Change of Heart** Jesus' words to the Pharisees give us pause: "You honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me." Jesus invites us to experience a change of heart that will in fact change every part of our lives.
- **March 20th: Change of Plans** God's ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine.



Pastor's Message for Lent

I've never paid much attention to sports but, each spring, I do get excited to fill out my bracket. No... not March Madness; I have a different (nerdier) bracket to fill out. If you look outside my office, you will see a large bracket on the wall filled with names of saints. It's LENT MADNESS!!!

Lent Madness is a silly competition put on by 2 priests in the Episcopal church. The bracket is set up, people fill out their own, people vote on their preferred saint, and a winner is chosen to be rewarded with "The Golden Halo." Each weekday during Lent, there is a competition between two saints in which you can read about them and then vote for whichever you prefer. You can vote based on interests, the work they did, how strange their name is, whether they are connected to your college, or any reason you see fit. If you want to vote, visit their website at: www.lentmadness.org or by searching "Lent Madness."

Our Savior's has competed in Lent Madness for years. Pastor Dave has won once. Pastor Kathy has won once. Shannon, our former Director of Music Ministries, has won... all the other times. This year, it looks like Tom Maidl may continue that tradition for the OSLC Music Department, although I will continue to try my hardest.

Though it may seem strange, it is a fun opportunity for staff to compete together and to learn about those Christians who have gone before us in faith. I had never heard of Rafqa of Lebanon, but I was blessed to learn about her service to the church and sharing of the Gospel. Check outside my office for a "Sainly Scorecard" if you would like to read more about Rafqa and other saints. Lent is a time for us to grow in our faith and rededicate ourselves to working for the Gospel. Take some time to learn about our saints and enjoy the silliness of Lent Madness.

Blessings and Peace, Pr. Dave



The ecumenical World Day of Prayer committee invites the members of the congregation to join us at **Oakwood United Methodist Church, 1630 Oakwood Ave on Friday, March 1st at 9:30 AM.** The worship service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, using the theme "I Beg You...Bear With One Another in

Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7. With these words as a backdrop, both men and women are invited to learn about Palestine's history and culture. Three women of Palestine have written their story to be shared as witnesses to the power of bearing with love. In addition, we will hear Perry Wieland share about the Holy Land. If you have any questions, call Eileen Furth (507)276-2176.

Our Savior's is the **Election Polling Place** for New Ulm's Ward 4. Please be aware that there will be increased traffic around our building on Presidential Primary Election Day, **Tuesday, March 5th.**

Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on **March 7th at 6:30PM!** *Event for Adults 21+.*

Remember to spring forward one hour on Sunday, March 10th!

Attention Quilters! We will be assembling the Senior Quilts on **Tuesday, March 26th.** Join us for pinning, tying, and sewing. We will start at 9:00AM, followed by a pot luck lunch at noon. Questions? Contact Susie Hoban.

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



March 6 th	Adult Ministry Facilities & Grounds	Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup
March 13 th	Church Council	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
March 20 th	Youth Ministry Mission Ministry	Spaghetti
March 27 th	<i>No Meal – Holy Week</i>	

Senior High Youth Gathering

New Ulm Best Western, March 8th to the 9th

The Senior High Youth Gathering is in New Ulm this year! Come for the nightlife, the band, The Spirit Garage, the Service Learning, the dancing, singing, and fun! Register with Pr. Dave to attend. Cost: \$75 (includes hotel).

Faith & Books

Faith & Books will meet in the church library on **Wednesday, March 13th, at 5:30PM**. Our book for March will be “Remarkably Bright Creatures,” by Shelby VanPelt. Feel free to bring your Lenten supper to the discussion. Check out questions we will use for discussion at: <https://www.today.com/shop/13-discussion-questions-remarkably-bright-creatures-shelby-van-pelt-t254869>. One more question: How does our faith impact grief and community as it relates to this book? The April book will be “The Book of Lost Friends,” by Lisa Wingate.

Women’s Night Out at Sweet Haven Tonics!

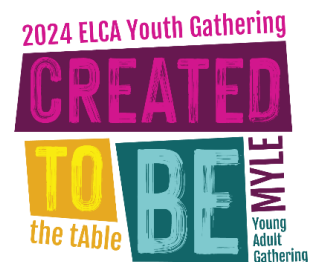
Women’s Night Out will be on **Monday, March 18th from 6:00PM - 8:00PM**. Join us at Sweet Haven Tonics for conversation and a refreshing beverage (Sweet Haven Tonics has many non-alcoholic drinks). Sign up on the WELCA bulletin board near the kitchen.

Adult Trivia and Game Night

The Adult Ministry Team is holding another trivia and game night for adults at OSLC on **April 8th from 5:30PM - 7:30PM**! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you would like. There will be a movie in the youth room for kids and we will find Youth helpers to babysit. This will also be a potluck; bring a dish to share! Questions? Contact Pastor Dave! We hope to see you there!

ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Basket Auction on March 17th and 24th. The baskets will be available for bidding on these two Sundays.
- Caramel and cinnamon rolls on Sunday, March 24th, between services.
- Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on Monday, April 1st from 5:00PM - 7:30PM. Our youth group will receive 10% of the in-house proceeds, and will also take home all tips that night.
- May Day (May 1st) Basket Fundraiser – Order a May Day basket to be delivered to brighten someone’s day. Orders will be taken in April.





We will be welcoming new members at worship on April 21st! **We will have a new member orientation on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30PM.** Children are welcome at the class! If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's, please contact Jen to sign up by April 12th at (507) 233-4430 or email jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.

Mission Prayer Corner:

In these days of unrest,
Peace feels like a mirage.
Something always beyond the horizon.
In our helplessness, Lord, be with us.
Remind us, when we encounter the suffering of others,
That there is nothing that affects one of us,
That does not affect us all.
Are we not sisters and brothers?
All of us brought to life through your creative Spirit.
All of us sanctified by your incarnation?
Draw us, Lord, to bring all our humble tools
And work with You and each other to build a better world.
One where each of Your children is honored as sacred.
One where peace is the language we speak, the air we breathe.
Amen.

Adapted from: *A Prayer for Peace When the World is on Fire* by Cameron Bellm



Our Savior's is partnering with the First United Methodist Church in a project called *Blessed Bottoms*. The First UMC building was sold, so they needed a church partner location for collecting and distributing donations.

Blessed Bottoms collects diapers, pull-ups, and fragrance-free wipes. Families fill out an application form, and pick up the items once a month at church. Donations of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes can be dropped off outside the OSLC office in the middle (WELCA) box. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated, and can be made payable to WELCA. Please write "Blessed Bottoms" in the memo line. We are blessed that we can help with this amazing project!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Thank you to all members of the congregation who attended the annual meeting! Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available at the display rack in the Social Hall and are also available on our website.

Please take a moment to thank the following people who completed a term this year:

MarySue Apitz	Danielle Borchert	Chris Cooke	Natalia Frederickson
Bob Gruenhagen	Steve Hawkins	Kitty Hietala	Shawn Hildebrandt
Doug Hoffmann	Sara Hoffmann	Brian Kraus	Cheryl Kraus
Diane Lambrecht	Laura Leighty	Kathy Lund	Ryan Neidecker
Jeff Nielsen	Alyssa Nissen	Sharon Nordby	Brenda Paulson
Garry Paulson	Linda Postel	Allie Schneider	Natalie Severson
Daniele Sharits	Nancy Wichmann	Kris Zetah	

Please welcome the following people who were elected to serve Our Savior's at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Derek Anderson	Danielle Borchert	Makayla Borchert	Asha Cooreman
Chad Cooreman	Kathy Ellanson	Scott Ellanson	Brian Emerson
Jess Gieseke	Steve Hawkins	Kitty Hietala	Doug Hoffmann
Sara Hoffmann	Jayne Hulke	Rebecca Hutchens	Molly Johnson
Denise Kamm	Betti Kamolz	Erica Kimsey	Joan Krikava
Jay Longhenry	Sharon Nordby	Brenda Paulson	Garry Paulson
Brian Serbus	Cullen Slette	Joey Warta	Heidi Wilker
Barb Zins	Zoey Zins		



Notes of **THANKS**

On behalf of the Board of Education and myself, I would like to express our appreciation for the donation of hygiene items (combs and deodorant) and two pairs of winter boots to the Community School: student needs. Your generosity and support are gratifying. Sincerely,

- Sean Koster, Superintendent ISD #88

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for joining our movement of neighbors supporting neighbors! The services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota would not be possible without the generous gifts of people like you. With gratitude,

- Paul Little, Donor Relations Manager, LSS

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1 9:00am World Day of Prayer – at Oakwood United Methodist 10:30am MRCI Group	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study
3 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Bible 101 Study 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	4 1:30pm Bible 101 Study	5 <i>Presidential Primary Election Polling Place</i> 9:00am Church Staff Meeting	6 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 5:00pm Lent Suppers 6:30pm Lent Worship	7 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap	8 Senior High Youth Gathering 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	9 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00am Senior High Youth Gathering Meal
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24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Basket Auction Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship 11:45am Council & Ministry Team Retreat 5:00pm New Orleans Getting Ready Meeting	25 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	26 9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am Quilting Group 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	27 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering	28 12:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	29 10:30am MRCI Group 12:00pm Good Friday Worship at OSLC 7:00pm Good Friday Worship at OSLC	30
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FLOWERS FOR EASTER

To decorate for Easter Sunday, we will be using Easter lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to contribute to the cost of decorations, or if you would like to bring a plant, please complete the form below. Plants will be kept for pick up until April 14th.

- Easter Lily - \$22.00
- Assorted Bulbs - \$15.00
- Potted Plants - \$25.00

Please print clearly! Names will be listed in the bulletin as written.

Given By _____

Choose one:

- I will bring a plant or lily for Easter.
 - Please bring to the church by March 28th and place on the table by Tom’s office.
 - If you bring a plant and would like to bring it home after Easter, please label your plant.
- I would like to contribute \$ _____ toward Easter flowers.
 - I would like to bring a plant home after the holiday.
 - **Make checks payable to OSLC, and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.**

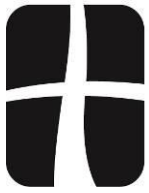
Choose one (please print names):

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given as a gift.

Forms must be returned to the church office **no later than March 24th** for memorials to be included in the Easter bulletin.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Lent Wednesday Worship – 6:30 PM

Television Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

4th Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

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