
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

March 2025

Lent



The season of Lent is often spoken of as a journey. This journey through this season of Lent can take us on a road of self-discovery as we inwardly search the soul. We see once again our brokenness and our need to turn to Jesus, whose forgiveness brings wholeness and healing. This journey is also one which we share as a faith community. It is a time when we gather together to share a meal on a Wednesday evening and then worship alongside one another. Lent is a season of reflection, as the lessons throughout the season will invite us to follow along with Jesus and the disciples, the journey to Jerusalem, and to the cross.

The theme for this year's Mid-Week Lenten services is: "You Shall Love the Lord Your God." In Mark 12, a scribe comes to ask Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answers, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength'" (Mark 12:28-30). Jesus responds to the scribe's question with words from the Shema, the passage from Deuteronomy 6 that is recited daily by many of the Jewish faith. These words form a covenant between God and God's people, and show us a way to respond to this God who so extravagantly loves us through the cross. Our journey through Lent on Wednesdays lead us to turn around and start anew as individuals and communities in our love for God and neighbor.

Pastor Kathy



Ash Wednesday Devotion & Worship Opportunities with Imposition of Ashes – March 5th, 2025

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM – The sanctuary (worship area) will be open for reflection and a self-guided devotion that will be available as you enter the sanctuary. Pastor Kathy will be there for those who would like the imposition of ashes.

You can come for as little as five minutes or as long as an hour. Whatever fits your schedule.

12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM – Traditional Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes.

There will be no regular afternoon and evening programming, or supper on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

Confirmation During Lent

Confirmation small groups will meet for 15 minutes after worship during Lent. See the letter sent to parents for more information.

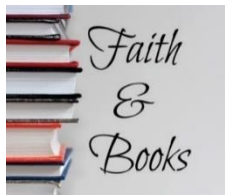
Remember to spring forward one hour on Sunday, March 9th!



Lent Study

“The Hardest Part, hurt we carry, hope we find” is the topic for our Lent study. It will be offered on Sundays between services and on Tuesdays at 1:00PM. It begins on Tuesday, March 4th, and is a 45-minute study. From the author Kate Bowler: “Life can be too much. And Lent is the season where we sit in that heaviness. For 40 days, we stop pretending things will suddenly get better and face the truth: life is fragile and so are we. This study gives our group the opportunity to practice honesty, where we acknowledge how heavy the world can be, but where bit by bit, we might also hold out hope for what might still be possible. Because when we do the hard part, something else happens: we get to the good part.” The blessing of our faith is that we know the good part, too, Easter!

Retired Persons Coffee continues to meet once a month. On **Wednesday, March 12th**, we will have a coffee and conversation time from 9:00AM - 10:00AM. Let Pastor Kathy know if you will make coffee or bring treats.



Faith and Books will meet on March 12th at 5:30 PM in the church library. The book for March is *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, by Pip Williams. Discussion questions are available in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kathy.

New Members at Our Savior’s

We will be welcoming new members at worship on **March 23rd**! We will have a New Member Orientation on Thursday, March 20th, at 6:30PM. Children are welcome! If you are interested in becoming a member at Our Savior's, and/or to sign up for orientation, please contact Jen at (507) 233-4430 or office@oursaviorsnewulm.org.



Church Council and Ministry Team Retreat

Sunday, March 23, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will gather to get to know one another better, collaborate and plan for 2025. The Spirit is at work at Our Savior’s and each council, ministry team, WELCA, and committee member has been called to share their unique gifts with the ministries of our congregation. Please pray for our church council and teams as we seek God’s guidance for the work of the church.

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



March 12 th	Adult Ministry Facilities & Grounds	Chili and Soups
March 19 th	Church Council	TBD
March 26 th	Children’s Ministry	Pizza
April 2 nd	Youth Ministry Mission Ministry	Pasta
April 9 th	Deacons Ministry WELCA	TBD

Palm Sunday Events!!



We are looking for candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mission Corner:

In March, the Noisy Offering will be going to Blessed Bottoms:

Blessed Bottoms is a mission of First United Methodist Church of New Ulm. We provide a week's worth of diapers and wipes each month for parents that register for them. They must either live, work, shop, or worship in New Ulm. Families can also put in prayer requests that are shared with our congregation, OSLC, and on our Facebook page. We serve between 60-80 babies and children each month and spend over \$300 per month on supplies that supplement the diapers and wipes donated at Cash Wise and at Our Saviors.

Our families are always so grateful for the diapers and wipes each month, and we are so appreciative of the support from Our Savior's.

Submitted by Eileen Furth for Blessed Bottoms



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 is seasonally appropriate, 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.

We are also in need of food to fill the Food Library! Please consider donating non-perishable, and/or single serving foods. Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.

Weekly Email Updates

Are you signed up to receive our weekly news or Sidelites emails, but haven't received them recently? There is a known issue with Nuvera's system blocking delivery of these emails, which are sent through the Constant Contact service. While this has been an ongoing problem, it has impacted a greater number of church member accounts recently. If you are not receiving these Constant Contact emails, and have an additional email address for your household (i.e., Gmail, Yahoo, etc.), please contact Jen to provide us with the non-Nuvera address to use for these emails!



Seven Our Savior's members and three alternates were elected to the Call Committee at the Annual Meeting: Adam Barka, Julie Carroll, Sheri Davis, Annette Haynes, Larry Hildebrandt, Susan Krogstrand, Doug Lund, Amanda Thorson, Denny Waloch, and Nancy Wichmann.

They have been trained by our Synod and are ready to receive names of those interested in being called to the associate pastor position at Our Savior's. Upon receiving the names and ministry profiles of interested candidates, the committee will begin interviews. We are grateful for this committee and the important work they are doing. If you have any questions or know someone who may be interested in this call, speak to a Call Committee member. Most importantly, please keep our Call Committee in your prayers.



Thank you so much for your donation to Connections Ministry this year. Your support has allowed us to shelter and support hundreds of our neighbors as they move toward stability and wholeness. Thanks again,

- Jennifer Echevarria, Executive Director, Connections Shelter

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for your generous gift to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS).

The work of LSS is a mosaic of amazing acts of caring and courage in communities across our state, impacting over 91,000 Minnesotans each year. I invite you to learn more about our services and see how your generosity is already inspiring hope, changing lives, and building community at lssmn.org. With gratitude,

- Jesse M. Stremcha, Vice President of Development, LSS

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your monetary donation to Lutheran Social Services. The funds were used to provide emergency child care for a young family. Sincerely,

- Kate Hengy-Gretz, Crisis Nursery Facilitator, LSS of Minnesota



*Annual Meeting of
the Congregation*

***The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran
Church was held on Sunday, February 2, 2025.***

Thank you to all members of the congregation who attended the annual meeting!
Copies of the 2024 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:

Ann Anderson	Dale Aufderheide	Lois Aufderheide	Makayla Borchert
Julie Carroll	Coryn Enck	Karissa Fenske	Jess Gieseke
Annette Haynes	Ashley Hendricksen-Rasche		Doug Hoffmann
Sara Hoffmann	Kathy Hopf	Marlene Ingebritson	Ann Iverson
Denny Johnson	Jenny Krosch	Bonnie Mangen	Bill McLean
Ron Mehlhop	Amanda Neidecker	Becky O'Neill	Tom Oelberg
Ashley Polich	Harold Remme	Jackie Rieke	Candy Roiger
Brenda Ruch	Kathy Runck	Jim Schmidt	Jenni Seavey
Cullen Slette	Ken Varland	Joey Warta	Zoey Zins

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

Dale Aufderheide	Lois Aufderheide	Adam Barka	Sarah Berger
Jeff Brandes	Sue Brandes	Julie Carroll	Kari Christopherson
David Curry	Jill Curry	Sheri Davis	Jane DeMarco
Paul Egeland	Coryn Enck	Heather Fletcher	Cole Frederick
DeAnn Frederick	Jess Gieseke	Annette Haynes	Jedd Haynes
Ashley Hendricksen-Rasche	Larry Hildebrandt		Ashley Huggins-Guza
Mary Hysten	Deb Irmiter	Ann Iverson	Jonathan Johnson
Michelle Johnson	Susan Krogstrand	Aaron Lambrecht	Doug Lund
Kathy Lund	Bonnie Mangen	Bill McLean	Kane Medina
Becky O'Neill	Lauren O'Neill	Amanda Neidecker	Tom Oelberg
Harold Remme	Candy Roiger	Brenda Ruch	Kathy Runck
Therese Schimek	Brian Serbus	Amanda Thorson	Carolyn Varland
Denny Waloch	Ginny Walters	Joey Warta	Nancy Wichmann

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/oslcnwulm to stay up to date! For midweek classes and programs, we'll follow the lead of the public schools. If ISD #88 dismisses early, choirs, confirmation, and groups will not meet. We will also not hold evening suppers.



Highlights of the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries 2025 Annual Meeting on February 11, 2025:

In 2024, GLLM served 2090 campers from 122 congregations, down 48 campers from 2023. (Campers at the Green Lake Bible Camp and Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp were down 410 campers, while campers at Camp House, Day Camps, and Serve Boldly were up 362.)

The reason for lower campers at the Green Lake and St. Andrew sites was due to GLLM's inability to recruit sufficient summer staff. As a result, family camps had to be cancelled and registrations at Green Lake and St. Andrew sites were restricted. Doing so left GLLM with a \$250,000 loss in projected income from camper fees. GLLM has identified staffing as their greatest threat. Congregations are asked to identify and encourage potential young people to consider summer employment with GLLM.

The 2024 Financial Statement showed a loss of \$262,428, most of which was a result of the summer income shortfall. There was also a \$150,000 fundraising shortfall. GLLM obtained a 3-year loan to help with the shortfall. 2025 will be an important year for the camps.

A resolution was approved to adopt Water's Edge Ministries as the "Doing Business As" (dba) under which the organization will publicly operate. (The names of the physical sites--Green Lake Bible Camp, Shores of St. Andrew, and Camp House will remain the same.)

Water's Edge Campaign Update: GLLM invested \$2 million in the Village at Shores of St. Andrew in May 2024. The next part of the Campaign is 1.3 million to do \$700,000 of updates at the various camps, organizational strategy planning, retirement of the recent 3- year loan, and rebranding costs of Water's Edge Ministries. Congregations will be invited to participate in this part of the campaign. There will be a mailing to congregations in March. Churches will be asked to set a congregational goal and return a pledge form to GLLM.

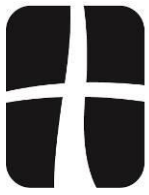
Board members elected were Barb Bornhoft, Brad Rice, Justin Ask, and Jeff Ettinger.

Advocate of the year was Jim Zollner from Wabasso.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale and Lois Aufderheide

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Camp Sunday Noisy Offering Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Communion Server Training 10:30am Worship	24 Sidelites Deadline	25 9:00am Quilting Group 6:00pm Cooking Beyond Cancer Class	26 11:45am Food Shelf Volunteering 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	27 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	28 8:30am Sidelites Group 11:00am MRCI Group	1 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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16 <i>Raymond Baptism</i> <i>Suess Baptisms</i> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Lent Study 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	17	18 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Lent Study 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	19 3:30pm First Communion Class 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Lent Suppers 5:30pm Adult Handbells 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Confirmation	20 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 5:00pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:30pm New Member Orientation	21 11:00am MRCI Group	22 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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Lent Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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